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RUSSIAN SQUADRON SUNK.

Unofficial Report That Four Battleships and Three Cruisers Were Destroyed in Battle Off Port Arthur.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The destruction of the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Koreitz at Chemulpo on Tuesday is officially confirmed, but details are lacking.

Admiral Urin, commander of the Japanese squadron, sent a cablegram to the navy department saying that the two Russian vessels weighed anchor at noon, steamed down the bay and encountered the Japanese fleet while rounding an island at 7 a.m., nine miles from Chemulpo.

It is not known who fired the opening shot, but the exchange lasted 34 minutes. The Russian ships withdrew to Chemulpo.

The Koreitz exploded about 4.30 o'clock.

It is not clear how the Variag was destroyed.

The loss of life and the effect of the shells on the Russians are unknown.

It is possible that the Russian crew aided in the destruction of their vessels to avoid capture and annihilation.

The Japanese did not lose a man, and their ships were uninjured.

The name of the Japanese ships are withheld for strategical reasons.

The Russian crews, it is reported, surrendered to the Japanese at Chemulpo.

Japan is elated by its success of the engagement.

It is reported two Russian battleships and one cruiser were torpedoed Monday night at Port Arthur.

The navy department does not confirm the report that the Japanese fleet is still off Port Arthur.

Advices of a general naval engagement are hourly expected.

The success of the Japanese on the sea would carry enormous advantage and practically decide the war. On paper the fleets are almost equal, although the Japanese are confident that their personnel is superior. They say that a drawn battle would be really a Japanese victory on account of Russia's lack of facilities to dock and repair her larger craft.

The existence of a state of war with Russia was formally announced to-day by an Imperial proclamation.

reports the arrival of twenty-one Japanese naval vessels at Chemulpo on the afternoon of the 9th. Two Russian naval vessels, the Variag and Koreitz, were in Chemulpo harbor and attempted to prevent the landing of Japanese forces, but with no success. The foreign naval vessels, the minister says, were generally leaving the harbor. There was a report that the Japanese naval vessels had captured the Russian transports off Makpo on the 9th.

The second dispatch says: 'A running naval engagement took place in Chemulpo harbor, beginning about noon. The Variag and Koreitz again attempted to escape, but failed. The Variag was injured.

"On their return the Japanese naval vessels announced officially that they would attack the place at 10 o'clock a.m. At the latter hour the Koreitz blew up and sank. She was a slow vessel, which made it difficult for her to escape. The Japanese naval vessels attacked the Variag from the outside of the harbor, until she sank."

London, Feb. 11.—7.30 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Co., from Tokio, dated 7.10 p. m. yesterday, says an unofficial report was current there that the Russian fleet was destroyed—four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in an engagement yesterday off Port Arthur, the Japanese getting between the Russians and the entrance of the harbor before the fight commenced.

Two Japanese Warships Said to Have Been Damaged---Further Details of the Chemulpo Fight.

Kwang to land Japanese troops there, and effect a junction with the forces of Yuen Shi Kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, and attack the Russians in the rear.

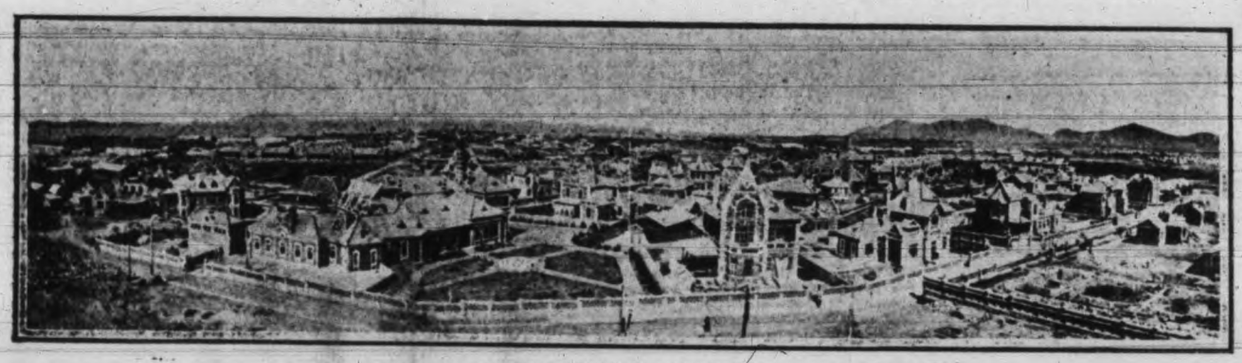
All the Russian navigation companies having vessels in Far Eastern waters are anxious about their fate. The volunteer fleet is particularly concerned regarding the Ekaterinsky, which left Vladivostock on February 4th, and the Voronj, which left Shanghai laden for Singapore on February 1st. No news of either vessel has been received.

The tone of the press comments to-day is most bitter against the Japanese, which is perhaps significant. The report circulated here that the United States has offered her good services is commented upon only by the Nesti, which successes of the Japanese navy. The public buildings, residences and business houses are decorated with flags. Hunting is to be seen everywhere. Tokio wears the aspect of a city of conquerors.

"A number of Russian bluejackets who swam ashore after the Japanese attack on the Variag and Koreitz have been made prisoners.

"Reports from Chemulpo say that both the Variag and the Koreitz hoisted the white flag at the last moment."

The St. James's Gazette correspondent at Chefoo cables that in anticipation of the return of the enemy's fleet, the Russians at Port Arthur are adopting extra defensive measures. Workmen and troops are taking down high brick buildings, which it was feared would fall and cause loss of life in the event of a Japanese bombardment.



DALNY, OPPOSITE TALIENWAN.
The New Commercial Port in Manchuria.

MORE STEAMERS CAPTURED.

Nenni and Mukden Taken by Japanese—Reported Unsuccessful Attempts to Land Troops.

London, Feb. 11.—A special dispatch from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet attempted on Wednesday to land men in several bays in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, under the protection of the guns of the cruisers. It is asserted, however, that all the attempts were unsuccessful.

A special dispatch from Tientsin confirms the report that the Manchuria railway has been blocked by the blowing up of a bridge on the line, and that thirty Russians were killed in the explosion. It is reported, the dispatch adds, that the Russian steamers Nenni and Mukden, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company, have been captured by the Japanese.

Lloyd's agent at Shanghai, cabling under date of yesterday, says it is reported, and generally believed, that a Japanese warship has destroyed the Russian mail steamer Mongolia, bound from Shanghai for Dalny.

The cablegram adds that the three Russian warships damaged by torpedoes at Port Arthur, sank.

BRITAIN'S NEUTRALITY.

Proclamation Signed by King Edward at Council Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

London, Feb. 11.—King Edward, at a council held at Buckingham Palace this afternoon, signed a proclamation declaring Great Britain's neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan.

The report that Russia is attempting to arrange with Turkey to permit the Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles is revived, and it is added that Russia is trying to secure Great Britain's consent. There is no authoritative confirmation of the report.

LAYING MINES.

Russians Busy at Dalny—Consuls to Leave Kobe and Nagasaki To-Morrow.

New York, Feb. 11.—Several Russians are leaving by the German mail steamer Gera for China, says a Herald dispatch from Nagasaki. The mail steamer Yarva, which will sail from Yokohama on February 12th, will convey the Russian consuls from Kobe and Nagasaki back to Europe. Baron de Rosen also

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RUSSIAN VERSION.

Report of Two Days' Bombardment of Port Arthur and of Japanese Losses.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Journal Des Debats, in a special dispatch from St. Petersburg, announced that a bombardment of Port Arthur occurred the day before yesterday and again yesterday, and says that the Japanese fleet withdrew after having suffered severe losses.

To-day it is added all is quiet off Port Arthur.

ALEXIEFF IS SUPREME.

Has Been Apointed Commander of Land and Sea Forces in Far East.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—It is officially announced that Admiral Alexieff has been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces in the Far East.

The minister of finance has issued a communication in which it warns the people against becoming panic stricken and sacrificing securities, as they benefit only the speculators. The ministry exhorts the people to remain calm and collected regarding events in the Far East, which, while they may create temporary difficulties, cannot shake Russia's economic power. It points out that stocks fell at the outbreak of the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, but that within a fortnight quotations recovered. These experiences, it says, is now being repeated.

Orders have been issued for the formation of a third Siberian army corps and a trans-Baikan division of Cossacks. These will be incorporated in the Manchurian army.

Repeating the charges that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was made from Wei Hai Wei, on the north of the Shang Tung peninsula, the Novoe Vremya to-day bitterly assails Great Britain.

"In allowing Japan to use the harbor as a basis of operations," says the Novoe Vremya, "Great Britain violated the fundamental principles of neutrality. Wei Hai Wei must be regarded henceforth as part of Japanese territory, and Great Britain has forfeited the right to participate in any deliberations over the eventual fate of the harbor."

The Novoe Vremya further holds that the case is analogous to that of the Alabama, and says Russia is entitled to demand compensation from Great Britain for the losses she has sustained.

The rigid censorship still prevents the newspapers this afternoon from receiving war news from either Russian or foreign sources.

All manner of rumors are afloat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, forbidding the sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette. The government expressed great displeasure at the publication of the report of a Russian victory, thus raising false hopes among the population. According to one report here the Russian armored cruiser Gromobol recently sailed out of Vladivostock, destroyed twenty Japanese transports off Southern Korea, and was herself sunk by a Japanese cruiser. Another story claimed that four of the Vladivostock warships, under Admiral Stackelberg, had sunk four Japanese transports. The report of the sinking of the Russian cruiser Variag off Chemulpo was received. Still another was to the effect that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was a feint to protect the passage of the transports bound to Shan Ki emphasises the previous statement that intervention is impossible, and says it doubts whether the offer of good services in the strictest sense would have any result. It adds that it considers it strange that the United States has made a distinction between China and Korea, which, it points out, is also an independent country.

CAPTAIN BLEW SHIP UP.

Said to Have Destroyed the Variag After the Crew Had Escaped.

London, Feb. 11.—Reuter's Telegram Company correspondent at Tokio, in a dispatch timed 9.15 p.m., yesterday, says:

"Details of the Chemulpo fight received here say the captain of the Variag remained on board his ship and blew her up after the crew escaped.

"Part of the crew swam to a French ship and others got ashore.

"One report says that the French warship notified the Russians of the Japanese approach.

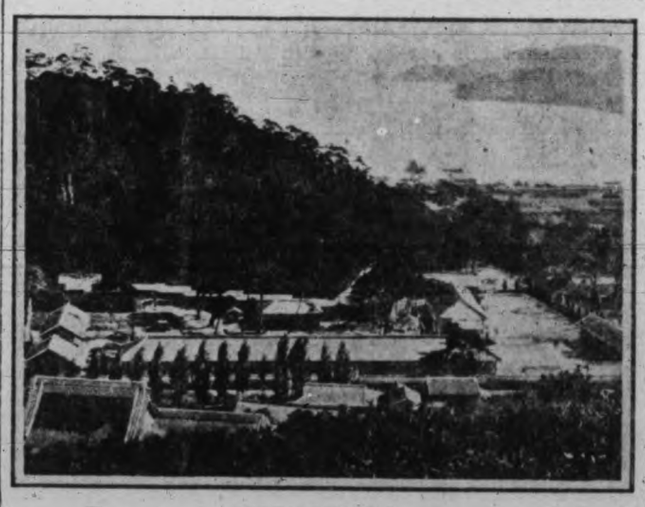
"The Koreitz engaged the Japanese cruiser first, while the Variag protected the transport. The Koreitz was soon destroyed."

MADE PRISONERS.

Number of Bluejackets From the Variag and Koreitz Captured by Japan.

London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to the St. James's Gazette from Tokio, under to-day's date, says:

"There are great rejoicings here at the



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ADMIRAL ITO,
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ANOTHER BIG FIRE.

Oswego Scene of Blaze Which Destroyed Property Valued at One Million Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Two firemen were injured, one fatally, in the fire which practically destroyed the large plant of the Corn Produce Company in this city, causing a loss, estimated at $1,000,000.

The fire started yesterday afternoon in the chemical room. After the city fire department and the volunteer department of Kingsford's mills had tried in vain to cope with the flames, Mayor Manson sent telegrams for aid to Fulton and Syracuse. From the latter city a force of three engines and twenty-five men were dispatched, and joined their efforts to those of the local department.

Two Lives Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—Two persons lost their lives and four others were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a fire that destroyed a three story brick apartment house at Fifteenth and Harrison streets, in the residence district. Many persons jumped from the second and third stories.

Clearing Away Debris.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 11.—Three thousand laborers, with hundreds of carts and trucks, were set at work clearing up the debris in the burned districts to-day.

Loss Placed at $85,000,000.

Baltimore, Feb. 11.—A complete estimate of the total loss from the fire by 25 experts, representatives of leading insurance companies outside of Baltimore, place the figures at $85,000,000. Some of them think that the total loss will be reduced to $70,000,000, as much salvage is being dug out of the ruins, which was thought to have been destroyed. The loss to the insurance companies is estimated by the same experts at 75 per. cent. of the total. The Chamber of Commerce to-day resumed the usual calls for grains at the temporary board rooms in the Masonic temple.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WHEAT.

(Associated Press.)

Adelaide, South Australia, Feb. 11.—The surplus wheat of South Australia, available for export, is estimated at 8,500,000 bushels.

HOW JAPS GOT INFORMATION.

Commander Travelled as Servant and After Noting Location of Russians Reported to Admiral.

New York, Feb. 11.—In a special cable from Chefoo to the Herald the correspondent says he interviewed the Japanese consul at Chefoo, who told him that when he was informed by this government that the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg was withdrawn on February 6th, he chartered a British vessel and went to Port Arthur and Dalny to take off refugees. He was afforded every facility by the Russian government officials at Port Arthur. Quarantine was removed and the consul entered the town in official dress. He was saluted by the soldiers and invited to dinner by a high official there, a toast was drunk that peace might be restored. After leaving Dalny he encountered the Japanese fleet about 18 miles from Port Arthur.

A high naval Japanese commander travelled as a menial in the consul's train to Port Arthur, and noted the exact position of the Russian ships, and also that they had not got steam up, and were not keeping a sharp lookout. As soon as the Japanese were sighted signals were interchanged, and the Japanese officer was taken aboard the flagship. There he made a detailed report to Admiral Logo.

"I saw this commander, who wishes his name withheld," says the correspondent, "and he explained to me with marvellous accuracy the course of the fight, though he had not seen it. He said the Russians were in lines, and in front of all was the Angara, the only ship which had searchlights." It will thus be seen that the Japanese torpedo boats carried out an excessively bold venture. The Japanese had 16 vessels.

FURTHER DETAILS.

The Russian Vessels Tried to Escape But Failed—Japs Landed Troops.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Two cablegrams were received at the state department from United States Minister Allen at Seoul, dated February 10th, both referring to the naval engagements off Chemulpo on the 8th and 9th.

The minister in his first dispatch

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MORE STEAMERS TAKEN BY JAPS

REPORTED LANDING OF TROOPS AT MASAMPHO

Bridge on Manchurian Railway Blown Up—Chinese Massacred by Russians.

London, Feb. 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report that the Russians have massacre 100 Chinese at Liao Yang, in consequence of which the officials at Shan Hai Kwan are greatly alarmed and are appealing to Pekin for protection.

Other dispatches from Tientsin say 400 French troops have been ordered from there to Seoul for the protection of the French legation at the Korean capital, the Emperor having taken refuge there.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tientsin says that Li, the favorite court official, has been driven away and beheaded by order of Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy. Li was pro-Russian in his feelings.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a shot from the Russian shore batteries at Port Arthur, and the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Special dispatches from Tokio report that fugitives from Vladivostock accuse the Russians of openly looting Japanese houses there without interference by the police.

The Mikado is personally superintending affairs and the cabinet holds daily sessions. The government has issued orders for the protection of all Russian subjects residing in Japan.

Baron Kanako and Baron Sukematsu have been sent to the United States and to Great Britain to explain the Japanese position and attitude in the present conflict.

Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated February 10th, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the Volunteer Fleet Association transport Ekaterinostav, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruisers Sai Yen and Hei Yen in the neighborhood of Fusan, Korea. The Ekaterinostav is of 10,000 tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had 30 rifles on board and was on her way to Vladivostock. The Argun was going to Vladivostock from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Glorige, Nicolai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and 30 men have been killed.

In a dispatch from Chefoo, dated February 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships. Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur. Advices received here from Kwang Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster.

Minister's Departure.

London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister to Russia, and his staff, have left there for Berlin. There was a large crowd of people on the station platform when the party boarded the train. Police and gendarmes kept a space clear for the travellers, and there was no hostile demonstration.

Continuing, the correspondent says an imperial ukase has been issued, which authorizes Viceroy Alexieff to mobilize the reserves within his vice-royalty.

Japs Seize Masampho.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan has seized Masampho and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there. Masampho is an important point, as it controls the Korean channel, and is an excellent base for future operations.

A formal declaration of war is expected to-night. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the Japanese cabinet. Foreign Minister Ko[illegible] gone to the palace to secure [illegible]r's approval.

The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers, including the Ekaternostav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Korea and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The steamer Korek is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear.

Variage Reported Captured.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Variage, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and has arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, seven other vessels were captured. It is also reported at Nagasaki that General Kuropatkin, the Russian war minister, has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

Not Confirmed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexieff ordered to-day the publication of extra editions of the newspapers, containing accounts of the reported injuries to Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagement and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikshima. This led to a demand upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied: "It came from the British embassy."

The reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Viceroy Alexieff.

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The only additional intelligence the viceroy has sent up to this hour is the names of the wounded officers, among whom were Lieut.-Col. Zaiontchkovsky, of the artillery corps, who was on board the transport Angara, and a midshipman on board the battleship Sebastopol.

Reserves Called Home.

Honolulu, Feb. 10.—Numerous cables have been received by Japanese residents in Honolulu from their government advising them that the reserves had been called out and instructing them to come home at once. It is believed that there is a large number of reserves among the 60,000 Japanese in Hawaii, and that war will almost deplete the island of Japanese laborers.

Artillery Equipment.

Moscow, Feb. 10.—A final shipment of material to complete the rearmament of the Russian artillery in the Far East was dispatched from here to-day. It consisted of 72 quick-firing mounted guns and 17 carloads of ammunition.

Are They Waiting.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—"Which way did Japan's new cruisers, the Nishid and Kasga, go after leaving Singapore?" is one of the subjects for speculation on the part of the German officers. The favorite answer is they sailed westward so as to lie in the course of the Russian troopships bound eastward, one of two of which were beyond Aden sailing eastward before hostilities began. Although the two new Japanese cruisers are far from completely equipped, they might be an even match for the Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Konskoi and her accompanying torpedo boats.

The breaking of the Manchurian railroad at several points far westward of Harbin is expected, as the Japanese working in Manchuria are thoroughly familiar with the topography and are likely to have been prepared to act, only waiting for the announcement that war had been begun. Japanese agents, it is further asserted here, probably have already arranged with bands of Chinese marauders to break the railway line and to try to keep it broken.

Expert opinion here expects that Japan will strike a fresh blow every day.

The German mails for the East are now forwarded by way of New York.

The Russian squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Dmitri Konskoi, the cruiser Aurora and six torpedo boat destroyers sailed on the 22nd from Suez for the Far East. One Russian boat destroyer, which was disabled, remained at Suez.

Impatient For News.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—2.30 p. m.—No further details of the fighting off Port Arthur have been made public beyond the official bulletin. No telegrams from abroad concerning the attacks have been received.

All newspapers dispatched over the Siberian line have been stopped, and the telegraph office refused to accept private messages for the Far East except over the Persian line.

There is skepticism expressed in certain quarters that the full extent of the Russian losses have not been given out, but in government circles the official bulletins are accepted as accurately representating the extent of the disaster.

The whole city awaited anxiously last night for official news. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in and around the newspaper offices, and crowds literally besieged the ministry of the interior. The crowd expressed furious impatience at the fact that nothing was said about the injuries inflicted upon the Japanese warships. The intense indigation with which the news of "The stab in the back" inflicted by Japan was received here seems to be general throughout Russian territory. The whole empire is fired by the war fever.

The newspapers in general chorus denounce the action of the Japanese as being treachery, declaring that it is "truly Asiatic," but insisting that the issue of the conflict will not be decided by the naval engagements, as the Japanese will have to meet Russia on land, when the score will be wiped out.

The Novoe Vremya says it is quite possible that the whole of Korea has been overrun by Japanese soldiers in disguise, and that Russia may first have to assume the defensive, but when her forces in Southern Manchuria and Korea are increased the Japanese will realize what they have to meet. "God, right and international law are on our side."

The Russia says: "One hundred and thirty million Russian hearts are beating in unison in the desire to expunge the traitorous slight on Russian honor. Enough of defensive tactics. Let us receive our foe. Yesterday we longed for peace, now we think only of war. The world soon will be startled by Russia's heroic work. Japan has placed herself beyond the pale of civilization. The upstart, pigmy, Japan, would not have dared to attack the giant Russia without encouragement of England and America."

The Russia claim to have authority for saying that the two new Japanese warships (the Nishin and Kasuaga) were saved from capture by the Russian squadron bound for the Far East, Admiral Wirenius, whose flagship is understood to be the Dmitri Donskoi, by the action of the commander of a British battleship in placing his vessel across the Suez canal and hoisting a signal of distress, thus delaying the Russians two days.

The anti-British feeling here is bitter, it being asserted that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was launched from Wei-Hai-Wei, until recently a British naval station.

United States Ambassador McCormick is busy taking over the affairs of the Japanese legation.

In spite of the state of public feeling there has been no attempt to molest M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister, or his staff. The authorities are according M. Kurino special police protection. He has no communication with the foreign office since the delivery of the Japanese note, and he made his farewell calls. He will leave St. Petersburg to-night.

General Iragomirov arrived in St. Petersburg to-day. He is one of Russia's greatest fighters, and may be appointed commander-in-chief as General Kuropatkin, the war minister, probably cannot be spared.

There was a great scene at the naval academy this afternoon, when the Czar personally advanced the senior class to the rank of officers. His Majesty, who wore an admiral's uniform, in addressing the cadets said: "You are aware, gentlemen, that two days ago war was declared upon us. The insolent foe came by night, and attacked our stronghold and fleet. Russia now needs her navy as well as her army. I have come to-day to promote you to the rank of midshipmen. I am confident that like your predecessors Admirals Chichagof, Lazareff, Nakhimow, Karlof and Istomin, you will work for the welfare and glory of our beloved fatherland and devote all your energies to the fleet over which flies the flag of St. Andrew."

After His Majesty's departure the newly promoted officers hired sleighs and drove up and down the quay fronting the winter palace shouting "hurrahs." Generals, carried away by emotion, saluted the youngsters.

Sunk by Torpedoes.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Count Cassini this afternoon informed Secretary Hay that the Czar had declared war on Japan. This action is said at the state department to constitute a formal declaration of war.

The department is satisfied that Russia is not disposed at this stage to oppose the execution of its plans looking to the neutralization of China. Some answers already have been received to Secretary Hay's note, but it is not yet deemed proper to make them public or even the text of the note itself. It is not doubted that the proposition will meet with the approval of the powers. It practically is admitted that its effect would be to completely exclude military or naval forces of belligerents from all China south of Manchuria.

The United States legation at Tokio made two reports to-day to the state department confirming the press accounts of the engagements at Chemulpo and Port Arthur.

A dispatch from the Japanese consul at Chefoo says in the Port Arthur engagement the Russian battleships were sunk by torpedoes. Russian ships outside the harbor were unable to enter. No damage to the Japanese fleet.

Another dispatch from Tokio stated that no Japanese lives were lost in the engagement at Chemulpo.

Secretary of State Hay had a brief conference with the President to-day and communicated to him the notification by Count Cassini that Russia formally had declared war on Japan. It is also stated the state department will issue shortly a proclamation of neutrality.

Steamers Released.

London, Feb. 10.—In a dispatch from Shanghai, dated February 9th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Japanese have released three Russian steamers, the Mukden, the Amur and the Schulka.

"One Russian warship, an obsolete sloop named the Mandjur," the correspondent continues, "is here, and Capt. Crown, who commands her, is evidently retained as an intelligence officer. He is assisting the Russian military Agent-General Dessino. The Russians expect that Japan will be too punctilious to commence naval hostilities until the alien crews have been discharged from the Japanese cruisers Nishin and Kasuga.

The Mandjur has been reported to have been seized by the Japanese. She has had her hull and funnel repainted black, and is ready for sea at a moment's notice. She is a small vessel lightly armed.

The Variage and Koreitz.

London, Feb. 10.—The Variage, reported sunk off Chemulpo, was built at Cramp's shipyards, Philadelphia in 1893. She was a steel and unsheathed vessel. She was of 6,500 tons displacement, and her indicated horse-power was 20,000. On her speed trials she made 24 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 52 feet in beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variage's armament consisted of twelve six-inch quick-firing guns, twelve 12-pound quick firing, eight 6-pounder quick firers, two 1-pounders and six torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged. The Koreitz, which was also sunk, was built in Stockholm. She was of steel, and was 206 feet in length, 35 feet beam, 1,413 tons displacement and 1,500 indicated horse-power. Her speed was 13 knots. The armament of the Koreitz consisted of two 8-inch breech loaders, four 4.7 inch quick firers, two six-pounder quick firers, four 1-pounder revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

BAD BABIES



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V. W. A. A. v. J. B. A. A.

What is expected to be the best exhibition seen in Victoria this season will be the match between the J. B. A. A. and V. W. A. A. teams on Saturday evening. These aggregations are first and second in the league. The forthcoming game will practically be for championship honors, as the losing team (if the J. B. A. A.) will be so severely handicapped as to make it almost impossible to come on even terms.

W. Jones will act as referee.

The present standing of the league follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
V. W. A. A.	4	0	8
J. B. A. A.	3	1	6
F. Y. M. A.	0	3	0
Y. M. C. A.	0	3	0

GAME TO-NIGHT.

An intermediate league game will be played this evening between the Y. M. C. A. and V. W. A. A. teams. The match will take place at the Victoria West hall, and will commence at 8 o'clock promptly. These teams are evenly matched, and an exciting contest is anticipated.

The V. W. A. A. team will be selected from the following: A. Stevens, R. Stevens, W. Bloomfield, F. Hutcheson, J. Hancock and W. Russell.

Following is the Y. M. C. A. team: Guards, Jenkins and Matthews; centre, G. Moore; forwards, Summers and Mulcahy.

HANDBALL.

THE J. B. A. A. GAMES.

The challenge for the double handball championship of the James Bay Athletic Club issued by B. C. Pettingel and F. C. Davie has been accepted by S. Jost and M. Finlayson. The match, which will go to the team winning the best three out of five games, is scheduled to take place next Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock in the J. B. A. A. gymnasium. This match should be a good one, as the players are among the best in the club, and are practicing for the event. It will be the first of its kind, a non-handicap tournament for the championship of the club never having taken place before. Great interest is prevailing among the handball players of the club as to the outcome.

Walter Jesse will referee the games.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE.

A meeting of the executive of the B. C. District Association was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There were in attendance the president, Rev. W. W. Bolton, in the chair, and representatives from the Victorias, Columbias, Garrison and Y. M. C. A. senior teams, and also from the Capital and Victoria West intermediates.

After the reading of the minutes, the first business taken up was the intermediate league. It was agreed that the remaining game to decide the intermediate championship should be played between Victoria West and Capital teams on the 20th at Macaulay Point, and, if necessary, on the 27th at Beacon Hill. J. G. Brown will act as the official referee.

One of those present then suggested that some arrangement should be made by which the city league senior schedule might be brought to a speedy conclusion. This proposal was favorably considered, and it was decided to play the games remaining between the Y. M. C. A. and Columbia teams on February 20th and March 5th. The result of these matches will not, of course, affect the championship. The winning team will secure third place in the race, and the eleven losing will be placed last.

The medals for the winning teams, which will be presented together with the cups at the annual meeting to be held at the end of March, were ordered to be secured by the president.

A letter was received from the president of the Garrison club regarding the matter in the replaying of the game, Victorias v. Columbias, and making the gratifying announcement that the Garrison club hoped to be able to present another cup for future competition among the senior teams, they having now won the city league cup outright.

W. Lorimer resigned the position of secretary-treasurer, and E. M. Whyte was elected to act for the balance of the season.

COLUMBIAS v. GARRISON.

A match will be played on Saturday between the Columbia and Garrison teams at the Work Point grounds. The kick-off will take place at 3 o'clock.

HOCKEY.

GAME ON SATURDAY.

On Saturday the Victoria seniors will meet a team composed of Intermediate and High school players at Oak Bay. Play will commence sharp at 3 o'clock. The Intermediate-High school team follows: Goal, H. Brown; full backs, S. Winsby and Pope; half backs, A. Futcher, F. Woods and H. Gowen; forwards, Hayward, Cobbet, Carne (captain), Gibson and McInnes. Reserve, Nason. All the above players are requested to be on hand at half-past two o'clock.

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Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
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13	4 34	7.8	6 57	7.6	11 29	8.2	19 53	2.2
14	4 48	7.8	7 47	7.3	12 22	8.1	20 28	2.3
15	4 51	7.6	8 32	7.0	13 14	8.0	21 01	2.4
16	4 45	7.6	9 15	6.6	14 04	7.9	21 33	2.6
17	4 44	7.6	9 56	6.3	14 51	7.6	22 04	3.0
18	4 58	7.7	10 36	6.0	15 36	7.3	22 36	3.5
19	5 24	7.7	11 19	5.7	16 27	7.0	23 10	4.0
20	5 56	7.8	12 12	5.3	17 36	6.5	23 43	4.6
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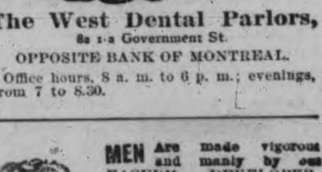
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

PROROGATION TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

Another Intertim Report Was Presented by Committee Inquiring Into Government House Contract.

Victoria, Feb. 10.

The legislature was prorogued this evening shortly after 9 o'clock. The day was spent in preparing for this, and bills were rushed through their final stages as usual. Dr. Young scored the fastest time on record for the session, in introducing a bill and getting it through all its stages in less than 10 minutes.

Returns Presented.

The Minister of Finance presented a return of copies of the forms used by the assessors under the provisions of the "Assessment Act"; also, copies of the instructions issued to assessors in connection with carrying out the provisions of the "Assessment Act."

Water Clauses Act.

Dr. Young introduced an amendment to the Water Clauses Consolidation Act which was read a first and second time, and committed, with J. Murphy in the chair. The bill provides that:

"In any case where all the water in any stream has been recorded for mining purposes and placer mines, either before or after the date of such record, are located and bona fide worked either above or below the point of diversion, the owner or owners of such placer mines shall be entitled to the continuous flow in said stream past, or to divert into or upon or through, such mine or mines 60 inches if two hundred or less be diverted by such record, and ninety inches if three hundred inches be diverted by such record, but no more; and such owner or owners shall be entitled to the full use of such water for such distance above or below such mine or mines as shall be necessary for the continuous and economical workings of said mine or mines and the carrying away of tailings and debris arising therefrom: Provided, however, that such owner or owners may divert a greater quantity than above specified upon paying to the holder of said record compensation for the damage he may thereby sustain; and in computing such damage the cost of the ditch shall be considered."

The bill was reported without amendment, and was read a third time.

Questions and Answers.

R. L. Drury asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question: What amount royalty, during the year 1903, was paid by the San Juan Lumber Company, or other companies or persons, on timber cut in Renfrew district in the vicinity of Gordon and San Juan rivers?

Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows: "No royalty has been paid yet."

John Houston asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. What is the total acreage of land held under timber lease by the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company in West Kootenay? 2. What is the approximate location of each of these leaseholds? 3. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company, during the currency of these leases, obtained from the government any rebate or remission of the rentals legally payable under the terms of the leases? 4. If any such rebate or remission has been allowed, upon what grounds was the allowance made, and to what amount? 5. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company maintained at all times, during the currency of these leases, a sawmill appurtenant to the leaseholds, of the capacity required by the Land Act? 6. Is the Davies-Sayward Company now in arrears for timber rentals, and, if so, to what amount? 7. Has the Davies-Sayward Lumber Company now any sawmill in operation that is appurtenant to these timber leaseholds? 8. If the law is not being complied with by this company, is it the intention of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to cancel these leases?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. 10,694 acres; 2. Salmon river and vicinity, Goat river, Duncan river, Lardeau river; 3. yes; 4. a remission of $1,945.70 was made under authority of the Revenue Act, on the ground of the inability of the company to make payment in full in consequence of financial losses; 5. the company established mills at Salmo and Pilot Bay, which they maintained and operated; 6. yes, $1,069.40; 7. the department is not fully advised on this point; 8. the matter will be considered."

T. Taylor asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. Is the government aware that most, if not all, of the locomotive and train crews staffs of the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon Railroad Company employed on construction work are aliens? 2. Does the government propose taking this matter up with the Dominion government, with the object in view of having the Dominion government enforce the Dominion Alien Act?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. The government has no knowledge as to the personnel of the staff of the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon Railway Company; 2, the matter will receive immediate attention."

Granby Consolidated Act.

The Granby Consolidated Company Act amendment passed its third reading.

Joint Stock Companies.

The act for the incorporation and regulations of joint stock companies and trading corporations passed its third reading.

Supply Bill.

On the motion for the third reading of the Supply Bill, J. A. Macdonald moved "That all the words in said motion after the word 'that' be struck out, and the following substituted therefor:

"'This House regrets that the government of the day has failed in its manifest duty to lay before this House for consideration during the present session some adequate measure or measures for the relief of those sections of the province in which railways are urgently needed.'"

Hon. R. G. Tatlow asked for a ruling as to whether the motion was in order, as it was a substantive motion.

The Speaker thought the motion was not relevant to the bill.

Mr. Macdonald held that it was relevant to the principle of the bill. They both related to the revenue of the province. Had a railway policy been taken up it would have affected the revenue and expenditure, and was therefore relevant to the question of supply.

The Attorney-General said the point raised by the leader of the opposition was a false one. It was not that the motion was not relevant to the bill, but it was not relevant to the motion that it be read a third time.

Mr. Macdonald said that if the government admitted this then the situation was exactly where he wanted it.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of John Oliver, who wished to consult authorities, that the matter be left over for an hour, and the order paper proceeded with.

Third Readings.

An act to qualify Arch. McDonald to represent Lillooet for the present session passed its third reading.

An act to amend the Bills of Sale Act passed its third reading.

An act to amend the Counties Definition Act passed its third reading.

An act to amend the Liquor License Act passed its third reading.

Municipal Clauses Act.

On report of an act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act, W. G. Cameron moved to add the following section:

"Any municipal corporation may, in the case of any land heretofore conveyed to any such municipal corporation by the province for park, pleasure, recreation or other public purposes, exchange such land for other land to be used for similar purposes, or may sell, subject to the approval of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, or dispose of same and apply the proceeds thereof as the council may deem proper; and in the event of an exchange, sale or other disposition of any such lands, the corporation are hereby authorized to excute any conveyances and do all such acts, deeds and things in the premises as may be necessary in order to effectually vest such property in the person or persons acquiring the same by sale, exchange or disposition, free from any such trusts for such purposes."

The amendment was lost and the bill passed its third reading.

Municipal Elections Act.

An act to amend the Municipal Elections Act was committed, with R. Hall in the chair.

The bill was reported.

J. Houston objected to the report being considered. He was overruled, but objected to the bill being read a third time. He did not approve of the measure, and took this means of defeating it.

Mr. Oliver contended that with no amendment having been introduced in committee and the first, second and third readings being on three different days, that it was impossible to check it.

It was decided that the wish of the House was necessary to such a case, and a vote was taken.

The motion for the third reading carried.

The bill passed its third reading.

Animals Act.

An act to amend the Animals Act passed its third reading.

Trap Fishing.

The following was then reached on the order paper, adjourned debate on the motion moved on the 11th December by Mr. Hall, as follows:

"Whereas representations have from time to time been made to the Dominion government for the approval of fish traps for the purpose of the salmon fishing industry:

"And whereas the passing of a regulation permitting the use of fish-traps would be beneficial to the salmon canning industry of this province:

"Be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of the province of British Columbia requesting him to communicate with the Federal government, urging that government to permit the use of fish-traps in connection with the salmon industry."

Mr. Hall said he was prepared to proceed.

The Premier said: "Let it stand." (Laughter.)

"Call a special session," interjected Mr. Drury. (Laughter.)

Did Not Vote.

J. F. Garden objected to his name having been entered on the record as voting in favor of the bill for granting passes to members. He was not in the House when the vote was taken.

Supply Bill Passed.

Resuming the debate on the point of order as to Mr. Macdonald's motion, the mover quoted from Bourinot and Todd respecting it. He held that the motion was clearly relevant. Especially was this so, inasmuch as provision was made for surveys which were admitted to be for railway lines.

The Speaker pointed out that Bourinot was not taken as an authority over May. He ruled that the amendment was out of order, as it did not deal with any vote contained in the bill.

Stuart Henderson thereupon moved that on the motion "that the bill be read a third time now," that none be struck out and the following words inserted "after the government has submitted for the consideration of the House some adequate measure of railway legislation for the opening up of those sections of the province which urgently need assistance of this kind." This amendment differed from the notice on the order paper, in that the words proposed to be inserted were given in the notice of motion as "this day four months."

A vote was required as to whether it should be allowed to alter the amendment.

The House decided against it.

Mr. Henderson then moved on the motion "That the report be adopted," to add the following words:

"Twenty-four hours after the Premier, or some member of the government, has taken the House into his confidence in regard to the policy of the government with respect to aiding, assisting, or purchasing of railways."

This, on the same ground as the amendment of Mr. Macdonald, was ruled out of order.

J. R. Brown proposed another amendment, but it also was ruled out of order.

The Supply Bill then passed.

Voters' Lists.

Mr. Houston called attention to the fact that the sections of the Municipal Clauses Act amendment just passed, provided that: "And no person shall be entitled to have his or her name entered upon the annual voters' list of the municipality unless he or she shall have paid all municipal rates, taxes, or assessments due by him or her to the municipality." This, with other provisions of the present act, would render it impossible to make up a voters' list.

The Premier asked that in the interests of the country that a resolution to be proposed by the member for Columbia the following day should be introduced now.

To this Mr. Houston objected. He said that if the House could pass acts which were a detriment to the country he was not going to consent to the time being taken up in passing resolutions which were worthless.

Stood Over.

The resolution proposed to be introduced by Mr. Wells, on Thursday next, was as follows:

"That whereas, the lumber interests of British Columbia are assuming a degree of importance conducive to the prosperity as well as the increased revenue of the province:

"And whereas, serious encroachments upon the market in Canada at present exist by reason of large shipments of American lumber, chiefly to the Northwest Territories and to Manitoba, thus depriving largely Canadian manufacturers of our home market;

"And whereas, the duty imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States is prohibitory, reserving exclusively their own market to American manufacturers:

"Be it therefore resolved, that this House views with alarm the serious consequences that must result to the lumber interests of British Columbia, and is of opinion that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor respectfully asking him to communicate with the Dominion government, to the end that such legislation be passed as will relieve the great injustice under which the British Columbia lumber interests are suffering, and praying that a duty be put upon American lumber entering Canada equal, at least, to that imposed upon Canadian lumber entering the United States."

It was accordingly forced to stand over.

Vancouver Incorporation Act.

On the motion that the report on the Vancouver Incorporation Act should be adopted, W. Davidson moved, that the bill be recommitted, to consider the striking out of the following clauses added in committee:

"Section 148 is amended by adding thereto the following words:

"(a.) The property qualification for a member of the park board shall be in all respects the same as for an alderman of the city, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the park board unless he is the owner of property as provided for in the case of alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this act."

"Section 161 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'The property qualification for a member of the licensing board shall be in all respects the same as that for an alderman of the city, and no person shall be qualified to be or sit on the licensing board unless he is the owner of property as provided for as in the case of an alderman in sub-section (2) of section 4 of this act."

Mr. Garden said he was in receipt of a message from the city council informing him that the council was agreeable to striking out the latter part relating to the licensing board.

The two sections were separted. The first amendment was lost, and the second carried. The report was adopted and the bill passed its third reading.

The Lumber Duty.

Mr. Wells then intimated that Mr. Houston had withdrawn his objection, and he accordingly introduced the resolution. Mr. Wells, in support of the resolution, pointed out that the United States millmen had an advantage in point of having cheaper labor. They had also advantages in transportation. By this means these men were able to obtain the market. It was not a question of price alone with British Columbia lumbermen, but a market.

Premier McBride hoped that the resolution would have the effect of awakening the Federal authorities to taking action for the benefit of British Columbia lumber men. With the progress of the Northwest that would mean much to British Columbia lumber interests.

P. Williams thought the Liberal party stood for free trade. If Golden lumbermen could not compete with Washington lumber it was due to the C. P. R. deriving greater profits for freight. Rather than put up a tax on lumber he would favor rearrangement with the C. P. R. as to freight.

The resolution carried.

The Investigation.

C. W. D. Clifford, on a question of privilege, explained that the committee inquiring into Government House contracts were in a peculiar position now that prorogation was in sight. The committee had examined several witnesses. He asked that the committee should have the privilege of sitting after the House rose and continue its investigation, the findings to be printed in the Gazette and a report given at the next sitting of the House.

The Premier was agreeable to this.

Mr. Taylor called attention to the fact that he was recorded in the votes and proceedings as having voted yea for the bill providing for free passes on railways and steamboats for members. He had voted nay.

A resolution allowing of the continuation of the investigation into Government House contracts was proposed by Mr. Clifford.

The Attorney-General doubted the right of the House to confer such powers as was asked by the committee.

Mr. Macdonald, while he considered that it was necessary to fully investigate, yet the question arose as to whether a committee should report to the public before coming before the House. It was liable to establish a precedent which might be very unwise to do. The publication of the evidence was wise, but with respect to reporting, he doubted very much if this should be made public.

The Premier agreed with the leader of the opposition. There was a precedent for continuing with investigation in that conducted by the Dominion parliament in the case of the Pacific scandal. The committee might proceed with its investigation and report to the House next session.

The leader of the opposition pointed out that the committee which went into the Pacific scandal was not a committee of the House, but a royal commission.

W. W. B. McInnes held that it could make no difference because the report, which at the best was only a report of the committee, and not the House, was delayed a few months.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite thought the legislature had a duty to perform in removing any cloud which might rest upon Mr. Rattenbury. The members of the committee could not be expected to do this work after the House rose without remuneration. It might be provided that the investigation should be put into the hands of judges. This should be a warning for members of the House not to be too ready to bring up questions for political advantage which might reflect upon individuals.

Mr. Oliver wanted to know what the member for Nanaimo was referring to. No charges had been made against anyone by members of the House. Mr. Hawthornthwaite seemed very anxious to endeavor to attack members of the opposition.

Mr. Clifford said the committee was not anxious to continue the work except to do justice to Mr. Rattenbury.

Mr. Macdonald said this was not a question of vindicating or condemning Mr. Rattenbury. It was one of investigating whether public moneys had been properly or improperly expended.

The Premier said the House was bound to receive a report. It was not bound to adopt it. There could not therefore be thought be anything in the way of allowing the committee to have its report made public.

F. Carter-Cotton held that with the prorogation of the House the members were released of their duties, and the committee stood in an entirely different position.

Mr. McInnes held that this was not forcible. The government was simply a committee of the House. He thought nothing would be lost by the committee making its report.

Mr. Cotton pointed out that the members of the government were called by the crown. There was a vast difference between the government and such a committee as this.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that there was the question arising that witnesses should refuse to answer questions. The committee was powerless to deal with the question.

It was finally decided to leave this over until the evening.

The Premier announced that His Honor would come down to the House in the evening and prorogue the House.

The House then rose until 8.30 in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Upon resuming in the evening C. W. D. Clifford presented the second interim report of the committee on the investigation into Government House construction.

The resolution before the House in the afternoon was withdrawn.

The report was as follows:

Mr. Speaker:—Your select standing committee appointed to inquire into the construction of Government House, begs to present the following second interim report:

From the evidence so far given before the committee, the committee is convinced that Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, supervising architect, thoroughly protected the interests of the province, and that in all matters brought to his notice his conduct throughout has been honorable and satisfactory.

Your committee further begs to report that owing to the premature ending of its labors, it feels it is not justified in commenting further on the evidence produced.

(Sigd.) CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD,
Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Shortly after 9 o'clock His Honor the Lieut.-Governor entered the chamber and assented to the following bills:

An act to amend the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act.

An act for the Protection of Insectivorous and other Birds.

An act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

An act to amend the Pharmacy Act.

An act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act.

An act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act, 1902.

An act to amend the Midway & Vernon Railway Company Act, 1901.

An act to further amend the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, 1901.

An act to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Qualification and Registration of Electors, the Regulation of Elections of Members of the Provin-

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Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding 5% per cent.

Placer Mining. Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims for either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year, and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of $150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than $5,000 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

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THE SESSION.

The session of the British Columbia Legislature is at an end. It might just as well have been brought to an end after the government had passed its measures for the "adjustment" of the finances. The province would not have suffered a bit if the fingers of legislative tinkers like the Attorney-General had been kept off the statute books.

Putting out of sight entirely the Loan Act and the Assessment Acts, conceived, executed and passed by the collective wisdom of the McBride government and the chiefs of the Socialist party, the session was a notable one. The organ of the government in this city congratulates the Ministry on the fact that it has passed the ordeal of the session with an unimpaired majority: Hon. Richard McBride when called upon by the Lieut.-Governor decided to form a government on "party lines." He and his ministers undertook to appeal to the electors on party lines, and, notwithstanding the freedom with which they drew on the treasury for the purpose of securing the co-operation of the road bosses and other workers in the sacred cause of Toryism, they did not secure a majority of the members elected. But for the timely assistance of three members who were elected in opposition to government candidates Hon. Richard McBride's career as Premier must have come to an inglorious end. However, the parties of seemingly antagonistic elements and principles were joined in holy or unholy bonds, and the Conservative-Socialist government was brought forth. It has retained its majority unimpaired. If there are any defections they will not be Socialistic.

The people of British Columbia do not yet fully realise what this extraordinary hybrid has done for them. By and bye they will understand, and then they will scarcely say amen to the Colonist's sigh of thankfulness that the government has maintained its "majority" intact.

WHAT IS THE SECRET?

A noticeable feature in connection with naval engagements under modern conditions is the absolute immunity of the victorious party from loss of life or property. In the Spanish-American war we believe one man was lost on the conqueror's side. He was an engineer, who died from heart disease. One or two of the American ships were struck, but either because of superior defences on the one hand or inferior artillery on the other, no serious damage was done. A tale somewhat similar character is being told about the Russo-Japanese war. The Russians have suffered severe losses in ships, the casualties must have been considerable, while not a vessel has been injured or man hurt on the side of their active, aggressive enemies. In this latter case it is inconceivable that superiority in general armament accounts for the difference in results. Efficiency, resource, morale, enthusiasm, adaptability, understanding, a general knowledge of the game, must surely be the chief factors in the serious business of acquiring a mastery of the seas. We fear the Muscovite does not take kindly to life on the ocean wave. He may land a few body blows on his active antagonist once he becomes aroused to the realities of the situation. He perhaps despised his enemy in the first instance. Even yet, like Goliath, he is inclined to boast of what he will do to the stripling who has so jauntily set his huge bulk at defiance. But he is seriously crippled in the department which could have most effectively hampered the operations of his opponent. If the Japanese continue their marvellously effective work the whole Russian fleet will either be captured or rendered useless. It would be interesting to have an expert opinion upon the operations; the secret of Japan's success, whether it lies in superiority of vessels, a higher state of efficiency in the crews, or a more accurate knowledge of the conditions under which the enemy were acting. The representatives of foreign powers have no doubt noted all these things, and the consequence will be a strenuous effort to reach and improve upon the standard set by the infant [illegible] Japan. The probability is that [illegible] as under past conditions [illegible] behind the gun and the man [illegible] behind the gun are the [illegible] which make for success in

WORKS OF A COMBINE.

In accent grave and tone solemn the Colonist comments on the session of the Legislature which is to be held early in the summer for the purpose of considering railway subsidies and legislation. We suppose McBride had to say something to mollify his followers of both wings. To the right he promised railways for the opening up of the districts in which they are interested; to the left he held up the tempting reward of a special session with special salaries and special travelling expenses. As the men whom the Premier delights to specially honor with his confidence and esteem, and whose progressive policy he has done his utmost to advance, do not believe in holding property which would be subject to taxation under their Assessment Act, nor in drawing salaries which the assessors would be able to trace, this proposal no doubt meets with their hearty approval. But we fear they are all doomed to disappointment. One session a year is as much as the sunny-hearted, ease-loving Premier cares to face under the present circumstances. He had a difficult task reconciling old stalwarts brought up in the old Tory schools to the doctrines taught by Hawthornthwaite. They are in a balky mood yet, and it is hard to say what the final outcome may be. The taxes will be due at the end of June. The constituents of the hon. gentlemen will not be in a remarkably peaceful, placid frame of mind about that time, nor will the hon. gentlemen themselves be inclined to view with smiling countenance the spectacle of Triumphant Socialism as personified in the House. No, no. The Premier loves his case too well. There will be no special session of the Legislature. The subsidy hunters may rage and the horny-fisted sons of the commune who toil not may imagine many extra sessions and multiplied indemnities, but Hon. Richard will not again confront his two interesting factions nor ask them to coalesce until he is compelled to.

AN UNWISE ATTACK.

It is refreshing to turn from the wars of petty politicians and great powers to subjects that "really matter." There is the question of the value or the reverse of oatmeal as an article of diet, for instance. We should not have been surprised to read words of condemnation of what is believed to be the national food of Scotland from the pen of a Southern physician, but when a Scot takes his pen in hand and writes such words as the following we may be excused for expressing surprise:

Rickets is enormously on the increase in England, especially among the poorer classes, who, misled as to the value of oatmeal as a food, give it to their children for breakfast, and so fill them up with a stodgy and insufficiently nourishing food, instead of more easily-digested things such as bread, meat and milk, a less quantity of which would supply far more nutriment. People who feed their children on oatmeal are literally starving them. Oatmeal is one of the greatest blessings the medical profession have ever known. It fills their surgeries and it increases their incomes. What the effect of its increased popularity will be on the national physique, though, I am afraid to think.

Now if this judgment had been delivered in England, we should have been inclined to attribute it to national jealousy, because it is well known that the baleful porritch has penetrated to the uttermost parts of the earth and has been posted on the bill of fare in places where the roast beef of Old England has never been heard of. But the curse comes from Scotland, and what can we do but ascribe it to one of the denationalized creatures we read about who with the object of establishing himself in high favor in the South has assaulted his country through one of her cherished institutions or traditions. It is not necessary to go behind facts which have been established by centuries of experience in order to kill the libel on oatmeal. It is related by a celebrated raconteur that a Yorkshireman once expressed his deep contempt for Scotsmen and their favorite food by saying: "Bah! in this country we feed our horses on oats. In Scotland you feed your men on oats." "Aye," was the reply. "And where will you find such horses or such men!" We know one man in Victoria, blind, unreasoning Tory though he be, who will support our proposition that oatmeal, like McGregor, shall flourish forever, notwithstanding the jibes and jeers of slanderous tongues.

We publish to-day a second timely article from the pen of Mr. Musgrave on the subject of game protection. In a previous article Mr. Musgrave cited facts in support of his proposition that pheasants have redeeming characteristics from the point of view of the agriculturist. In this issue the writer announces that, notwithstanding the peculiar attitude of the provincial government, the association which is agitating the matter of game protection refuses to admit defeat. It is going to continue the agitation in preparation for renewed demands next year. Looking at the question of game protection in the light of the strenuous efforts other provinces of the Dominion and many states of the American union are making and the heavy expenses they are bearing to restore the game which has been lost through indifference, and possibly lack of knowledge, in the past, we cannot understand the apathy that exists in British Columbia on the subject. We wish Mr. Musgrave and those who are holding up his hands success in their work. The different varieties of grouse in this province must soon be exterminated unless the people insist upon the government passing the measures necessary to protect them. Every sportsman knows that.

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The Financial Times says the continued prosperity in Canada is again reflected in the dividend of 6 per cent. on the preferred shares of the Canada Northwest Land Company, which was announced lately. The distribution for the previous year was 5 per cent., and for 1901 only 2 per cent. was paid, the latter being the first dividend paid by the company since its formation in 1883. The 6 per cent. now declared is the full rate on the preferred shares, so that if profits continue to progress in the future as they have in the past two years, there is a hope of some return being made on the common shares.

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The incantations of the Czar do not seem to have reached the quarter to which they were directed. The heathen Japanee still rages.

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Premier McBride has magnanimously withdrawn his opposition to the new transcontinental railway. The work will now go on.

THE BACHELOR'S PSALM.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Lives of henpecked men remind us
Who have not as yet been caught,
That we might leave sons behind us,
But we'll rather guess we'll not.

She that's trim may be a fat one,
She that's sweet some day be grim,
When by merely looking at one
She may squelch the soul in him.

Let us then go billing, cooing,
Let us call them sweet and fair;
It is lovely to be wooing,
But you'd better stop right there.

BY HIMSELF.

Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Eph'm had put on a clean collar and his best coat, and was walking majestically up and down the street.

"Aren't you working to-day, uncle?" asked one of his Caucasian acquaintances.

"No suh. I'se celebratin' my golden weddin', suh."

"You were married fifty years ago to-day?"

"Yes, suh."

"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate it?"

"My present wife, suh," replied Uncle Eph'm, with dignity, "ain't got nothin' to do with it. She's de 'leventh."

CAN'T SCARE ROSS.

Chicago Canadian-American.

The Ontario House has been in session over a week, and Hon. G. W. Ross seems to be in as complete command of the helm of state as he ever was. There is too much of the courageous and tenacious Scot about Mr. Ross for him to be scared by noise. He has the majority, moreover, and the majority rules.

A HOPELESS TASK.

Hamilton Herald.

Armed with its quo warranto broom, the Toronto Telegram proposes to clean up the electoral dirt in its beloved town. It's another case of Mrs. Partington trying to sweep back the Atlantic.

HOW THE TORIES DO IT.

Toronto Telegram.

If there is anybody in the city who does not appear on the poll books as having voted twice for controller will he please stand up?

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

Fredonia Censor.

"Come in," said St. Peter. "Wait," said the walking delegate, pausing to listen to the music of the golden harps. "First I want to know if those musicians have union cards."

WILLING TO CO-OPERATE.

New York News.

Abraham Benedict tells of a lady school teacher in Rochester who had a great deal of difficulty with a few mischievous boys. One day, when one of them had given her a great deal of annoyance, she said to him: "I wish I could be your mother for just about one week. I would rid you of your naughty disposition."

"Very well, I will speak to father about it," promptly responded the lad.

NO SURGEON NEEDED.

Montreal Herald.

A cold is one of the very few ailments the modern physician will undertake to cure without a surgical operation.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer Clam Cocktails, K. P. C Wine. Try them.

WINE HARVEST IN FRANCE.

The fact that the wine harvest of France and Algeria for 1903 is estimated to amount to 42,000,000 hectolitres (the hectolitre being equal to 22 gallons) has already been noted in the London Standard. The French agricultural department has now completed its statistics concerning this industry, and from these it would appear that this year's harvest was 4,500,000 hectolitres below that of the previous year, and 8,500,000 hectolitres below the average yield of the last ten years. The shortness is attributed to the late frosts, which particularly affected the central regions, and to the persistent rains, which damaged the bloom, and subsequently favored the development of disease. Only five departments produced more wine than last year, while the Aude and the Herault had a falling off of over 1,000,000 hectolitres, and the Gironde of 750,000 hectolitres. The official note issued by the agricultural department adds that thanks to the fine weather of the end of September, the quality of the crop is generally better than might be expected. In the Midi, or south, it is particularly good, the weather having been favorable during the period when the grapes were ripening. The value of the harvest of 1903 is put down at 948,380,700f., that of the better class wines being estimated at 71,552,252f., and that of the ordinary wines at 876,828,508f.—Paris Correspondent London Standard.

THE POSTMASTER STATES HIS CASE

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"They seem to have made a complete cure in my case as I feel as well as ever I did. I believe Dodd's Kidney Pills are the right medicine for Kidney Trouble and will do all that is claimed for them."

PERSONALS.

M. K. Rogers, of Hedley, Similkameen was a passenger from the Sound on the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday afternoon.

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Capt. John Irving returned on the Princess Beatrice from the Sound yesterday.

Last week of the Big Fire Sale at Army & Navy Clothing Store.



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Regular $7.50, 8.75, 9 50, 9 75, 10.00 $10 50
For $5.00

Regular $12 50, 13.50, 15.00
For $7.50

Regular $17 50, 18.50, 20.00
For $9.50

Regular $22.50, 25.00, 27.50, 30.00
For $15.00

Regular $17.50, 18.50, 20 00
For $9.50

Regular $35.00, 37.50, 40.00, 45.00
For $20.00

Regular $50 00, 60.00, 65 00, 75.00, $85.00
For $25.00

A Few of the Styles

Black Cloth Coats, three-quarter length, box back, shoulder capes and cloth ends, bell sleeve, silk lining.

Black Coats, nias back, three shoulder capes newest puff sleeves, lapels of coat richly trimmed with black and white applique, quilted silk lining.

Ladies' Fawn Coats, full back, trimmed with insertion of wool lace, flat collar, very full sleeve, white satin lining.

These are French samples, and are suitable for evening or street wear; a great many different styles to choose from.

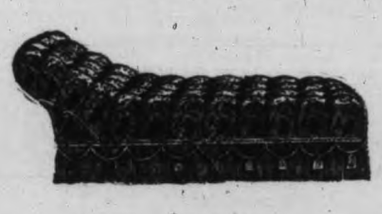
Coats in Tweed Mixtures; colors, grey, blue, green and brown, tight fitting and full back; shoulder capes and stole ends; three-quarter and short lengths; flat collars and new sleeve.

MANY OTHERS.

More Interesting News in The Furniture Department

A SALE OF LOUNGES





18 Lounges, ranging in price from $22.50 to $32.50, on sale Friday, at .....

$14.00 Each

Friday and Saturday, Two Clean-Up Days in the Ladies' Underwear Department

$1.25 Vests for 65c.

Nine dozen Ladies' All-Wool Vests. These Vests are English made and of pure undyed wool. Ribbed cuffs and skirt.

15c. for Children's Drawers, good soft quality, cotton fleeced lining.

25c. for Children's Drawers, sizes 2, 4 and 5; regular price, 50c.

Infants' Vests, sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4, button front, trimmed and pearl buttons. Friday, 10c. each.

At 35c., worth 50c. and 75c.

In this lot are Black Ribbed Wool Vests, long sleeves; regular price, 75c. Also natural Ribbed Wool Vests; regular price, 50c.

Small lots of Vests shown on counters at prices to clear them out quickly.

90c. Eiderdown Flannels for 50c.

Eiderdown Flannels, 54 inches wide. Colors, fawn, gray and cardinal. Friday, 50c. yard.

65c. Skirtings for 35c.

45-inch Skirtings. Colors, black, blue, fawn, mauve, pink, brown and green. Friday, 35c. yard.

90c. and $1.00 Flannelette Nightdresses, 65c.

135 only in this offering; colors, pink, blue and white. Three slips of front and yoke trimmed lace, etc.

Ladies' Flannelette Drawers, 50c. quality. Friday, 35c.

Good soft Flannelette, colors and white Children's Flannelette Drawers; a few dozen left to sell at 25c. pair.

Carpet Squares made from short pieces of carpet on sale Friday.

This is one way of keeping our Carpet stock fresh. Prices, $7.50 to $15.00 each.

A Clean-Up Sale in the Millinery Department Friday

50c. for Children's Trimmed Hats; worth from twice to four times 50c.

25c. each for all kinds of Untrimmed Hats, every one put out to go at this price.

The February Sale of House Furnishings

Prices tell of great savings in the sale of Furniture, Carpets, Linoleums, etc.

Dining Chairs, from 45c.
Dining Tables, from $5.75.
Bedroom Suites, from $14.75.
English Linoleums, regular 65c., for 40c. square yard.
Regular $1.10 for 85c. square yard.
$1.00 Carpets for 65c.
50c. Carpets for 35c.

The Sale Of Lace Curtains Commenced Yesterday

PRICES LISTED BEFORE.

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NAMES OF PARLIAMENTS.

The announcement of the approaching reopening of parliament reminds one that there has been a "nice derangement of epitaphs, applied to some of the parliaments of the past, and makes one wonder by what term of sufficient disgust the present one will be damned to everlasting fame. The first parliament to acquire a distinguishing title was the Mad Parliament, under Henry III. The parliament of 1295, under Edward I. has no special name, but certainly deserves one, as it was the first perfect and model assembly, i. e., one in which all the estates of the realm were represented. In the last year of Edward the Black Prince we had the Good Parliament; under Richard II. the Wonderful—sometimes called the Merciless—Parliament; under Edward IV., the Unlearned Parliament, from which lawyers were excluded; under Henry VI., Parliament of Bats i. e., Quarrels; under James I., the Addled Parliament, which was dissolved before it completed a single stroke of business. Then came the Stuart Commonwealth parliaments, known as the Short, the Long, the Rump and the Barebones.—London Daily Chronicle.

The bureau of Fulham, London, by the use of its garbage in the furnace of the municipal electric lighting plant, makes a profit of $3,442 a year.

A MATURE CROWN PRINCE.

The Crown Prince of Denmark, who is shortly setting out on a tour of Europe, is the oldest personage of his rank to be found in the world. It is, indeed, a very uncommon thing to be heir to a throne at sixty, an experience which our own King missed by a year, and although Prince Christian has not been Crown Prince all his days, he has enjoyed the honor for some forty years. Certainly this well set-up soldierly-looking man carries his years very lightly. His Royal Highness is somewhat of an adept with the pen as well as the sword, and some time ago an article which he wrote for a Danish paper attracted a good deal of attention. His father is well known as a poet, so that literary taste, which is shared by our own Queen, seems to run in the family.

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City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 259 Douglas street.

—A few snaps for cash, at Erskine's grocery. Moir's marmalade, one pound glass jars at 15 cents each; choice hams and bacon at 17 and 18 cents pound. Telephone, 106.

—The remains of the late John Ross were laid at rest yesterday. The funeral took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Religious services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller.

—The Arion Club will give the second concert of their twelfth season in Institute hall to-night. A splendid programme has been prepared, and those attending will undoubtedly enjoy a treat.

—Such as are being fed to the Japs and Russians: Fine funan haddies, black cod, salmon bellies, salt salmon. Secure a victory by ordering some of these. Telephone, 106, to Erskine's Grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—All delayed eastern mail was received by last night's Charmer. There was a four-day accumulation, and it took the clerks until early morning to get it assorted. There are still a few belated English mails to arrive, but they probably will be along to-night.

—Paul Newman, the Nanaimo burglar, who was arrested by Chief Langley the other day, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by Magistrate Yarwood in the Coal City on Monday. He pleaded guilty. The proceedings only lasted ten minutes.

—In Chambers yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake the following applications were dealt with: Morgan vs. British Yukon, examination de bene esse. An order to proceed was made on an affidavit being filed that the witness was going out of the jurisdiction. J. M. Bradburn, for plaintiff, and R. Cassidy, for defendant. In the estate of Eleanor Raitt, deceased, J. P. Walls applied for an order to fix executors' remuneration. Three per cent. was allowed plus the expenses incurred by the executors.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mocliir took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hamlin, Carberry Gardens, at 2 o'clock. Services were conducted at Christ Church Cathedral at 2.30 o'clock by the Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, which was in attendance. Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which deceased was held. The following acted as pall-bearers: Senator Macdonald, F. B. Pemberton, Gavin Burns, J. A. Mara, L. Crease and C. Pemberton.

—A monthly meeting of the Navy League was held yesterday evening, there being present A. B. Fraser, sr., president; C. E. Redfern, G. W. Woollett and Jos. Peirson. A letter was read from Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, in which the writer said that the matter of naval training stations was still in embryo, although he regarded the question as highly important. Prize competition essays were referred to Bishop Perrin, and at the close of the meeting the president pointed out some of the valuable lessons to be learned from the war now progressing in the Far East.

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—"The Mummy and the Humming Bird" is of the society comedy drama sort, and, being of that sort, comprises the usual elements, though combining them in an unusual fashion. Lord "Jack" Lumley (Paul Gilmore), "The Mummy," a scientist, devoted to pursuing chemical facts and engrossed in laboratory work, temporarily neglects his wife. Lumley suits him, and fits him as comfortably as an old coat, as did the "Tyranny of Tears" last season. The bright lines are his lines, and, incidentally, the dialogue illuminates with many a bright bit, Lumley is not the whole, but a large part of the show. The play is well balanced, and the secondary parts fall to capable hands. The play will be seen at the Victoria theatre to-night.

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—A dance has been arranged by the young people of Esquimalt, to take place to-morrow evening at the public hall.

—Secure some of the five-pound tins of jams and jellies for 45 cents. They are extra food value at Erskine's. Corner Johnson and Quadra. Telephone 106.

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—Like hot cakes is a familiar expression, and it denotes how rapidly our 15 cent jars of Moir's Marmalade are selling. Secure some before they are all gone. Telephone, 106, to Erskine, and they will be delivered promptly.

—Hospital Cindrella contributions of cake, sandwiches, candy, fruit, with tea and groceries will be gratefully received at Assembly hall, Fort street, by the Daughters of Pity to-morrow as early as possible in the day.

—The parlor meeting announced to be held to-day under the auspices of the Central W. C. T. U. has been postponed until Memorial Day, Thursday, February 18th. A parliamentary drill is being conducted by Mrs. Spofford to-day at a meeting at Refuge Home.

—R. B. King, formerly of this city, but now with the Mainland Transfer Co., Vancouver, met with a serious accident a few days ago. When operating the feed crusher, his right hand got caught in the machine, and was so badly injured before they got the machine stopped that it became necessary to have the hand amputated above the wrist.

—A deputation consisting of the acting-mayor, aldermen and prominent citizens, interviewed Manager Buntzen, of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, and A. T. Goward, local manager, urging the extension of their railroad along Douglas to Humboldt street, and thence to the cemetery. Mr. Buntzen made the gratifying announcement that the matter would be taken under consideration at once, and the line would probably be in operation within a year.

—To-night at the Fernwood hall, Spring Ridge, a return match of basketball will be played between the bachelors and benedicts. Alex. Peden recently qualified for the latter team, and will assume charge as captain. Their team will be chosen from the following players: A. Gilson, F. Jones, W. Peden, E. Wescott, C. F. Banfield, J. Renouf and W. P. Marchant. They confidently expect to be able to turn the tables on their opponents, who won the first match.

—Important Auction.—We have no hesitation in saying that the best furniture that has been offered at auction in this city will be sold to-morrow (Friday) at Hardaker's auction rooms. It seems unfortunate for the owners that goods of such value should be thrown on the market at this time of the year entirely without reserve; but there is no doubt but that some good citizens will get great bargains from the numerous valuable articles that will be offered. The sale will start sharp at 2 p. m.

—As already announced in these columns a shuffle tournament has been organized among the members of the Y. M. C. A. Secretary Fisher yesterday drew up the first round, which follows: J. Coates and A. H. Wilkinson vs. R. Dunn and Dr. Hall; E. Middleton and E. B. Jones vs. T. Dougal and Loveridge; C. Bate and T. W. Martindale vs. Fisher and Kinsey; E. M. Whyte and McLane vs. E. Campbell and Gawley; J. Middleton and F. Wilson vs. Gillis and Roskamp; C. E. Jones and L. Wilson vs. W. Northcott and M. A. Thomas. These matches must be played off before Saturday, the 20th inst.

—The annual concert of Court Cariboo, No. 743, A. O. F., will be held on Tuesday evening, February 16th, at the A. O. U. W. hall. An excellent programme has been prepared as follows: Part I.—Overture, The Wallace Orchestra, speech, M. J. Crehan, H. Sec.; vocal solo, Miss A. Kneeshaw; recitation, A. Semple; violin selection, Jesse Longfield; club swinging, H. P. Mellish; selection, The Wallace Orchestra. Part II.—Vocal solo, Mrs. F. Manson; phrenological readings, Mrs. Phoebe Le Messurier; vocal solo, Miss Bernice Scowcroft; reading, Mrs. McCallum; vocal solo, J. B. Binns; selection, The Wallace Orchestra. Refreshments will be served later in the evening, and a pleasant time is assured all who attend.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, held a meeting on Tuesday evening, when provincial deputy, Mrs. Spofford, installed officers for the ensuing term as follows: Mrs. H. Edwards, past commander; Mrs. K. Jackson, commander; Mrs. M. Rathom, lieut.-commander; Mrs. Minnie Myers, record keeper; Mrs. R. Aaronson, finance keeper; Mrs. Wall, chaplain; Mrs. F. Clyde, sergeant; Mrs. McCrea, sentinel. After a brief address by Mrs. Spofford, in which she complimented the hive on its selection of officers, Mrs. McGregor, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Myers with a handsome gold watch and chain. This was an expression of the appreciation of six years faithful service as record keeper. The recipient thanked the hive in a few well chosen words. Refreshments were then served, and after an evening of pleasant social intercourse the meeting adjourned.

SOUND STEAMER IN A HEAVY BLOW

WAS OVER SIX HOURS MAKING TOWNSEND

The Wind Blew Seventy-Two Miles an Hour—Lighthouse Will Be Built in Spring.

From 7.30 Tuesday evening until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, the steamer Whatcom, Capt. Carter, struggled against such a wind storm as she had never previously experienced on the Victoria and Sound route. The vessel was six and a half hours in reaching Pt. Townsend, a run she should have made under favorable weather conditions in less than half the time.

A strong gale was raging at the time the steamer pulled out from her Victoria wharf, but her officers felt confident over the ship's ability for the worst in the Straits, and were somewhat curious to know how the steamer would behave in a bad sea, since recent improvements should tend to make her more steady. Off Port Discovery, where the Clallam began to sink in a much less tempestuous sea, the wind proved so fierce that the course had to be changed. A blinding snowstorm was overtaken, and to ease of the strain the steamer was headed in the direction of Dungeness. Full speed ahead was an impossibility, and the vessel had to feel her way along through the darkness, making little more than headway against wind and sea.

Speaking of the gale last night, one of her officers said that there were high spots and low spots, but the Whatcom rode all in an admirable manner. Water broke up on deck, but no heavy seas were shipped. The wind blew in the Straits at the rate of 72 miles an hour, and off Discovery the sea was terribly rough. The Whatcom, however, came through all without damage. Officers of the ship say that the Whatcom has not only water tight compartments built in the usual way, but also a double hull for her entire length. She also has a full complement of lifeboats, life rafts and other life-saving equipment.

The local freighting steamer Selkirk in returning from Tacoma, got a taste of the same storm. Capt. Ramlose says he had a pretty hard time, but managed to make a wharf on the Sound after considerable trouble, where he spent the night. He reports that the storm was accompanied by a heavy snow fall which rendered progress very dangerous. He came in here yesterday afternoon instead of proceeding up the coast, for shelter.

GONE TO THE SOUND.

The American barque Abby Palm has gone to Seattle for repairs. Tenders had been called for the work, but a local firm bid on the undertaking, and the vessel accordingly was towed to Seattle, where the repairs will be effected at the Moran shipyard. No judgment has yet been delivered in the salvage suit brought against the vessel by the owners of the Norwegian steamer, which rescued her at sea, but bonds to the amount of $25,000 were put up, and the vessel released some time before the craft left port.

DRIFTED ASHORE.

During the heavy blow on Tuesday night the steamer Maude and the barge Isabel, belonging to the B. S. Salvage Company, dragged the buoy to which they were moored clean across Esquimalt harbor. The Maude brought up on the beach and was slightly damaged, but was floated again yesterday, and both craft are back again alongside the company's marine railway wharf. The Isabel escaped more fortunately than the Maude. Had she struck the result would probably be more serious, as she is full of machinery.

SHORTLY BE RECOMMISSIONED.

D. G. S. Quadra will be commissioned for service on the first of next month. During her idleness the vessel's machinery was subjected to a thorough overhauling. It has been all taken apart and cleaned, and in another fortnight she will be in good condition for another year's work. As soon as the steamer begins service again she will be immediately sent to replace the buoys which have been carried away from their positions by the recent bad weather. In the spring she will carry the necessary building material down the coast for the construction of the new lighthouse on Leonard island, at the entrance to Clayoquot Sound, this work the department of marine and fisheries having decided to undertake just so soon as the weather permits.

MARINE NOTES.

The schooner Jessie, Capt. Haan, sails for sea to-day. She has already an Indian crew, and after leaving port will therefore proceed direct down the coast.

Now that a double daily service is provided with the Sound it has been suggested that some rearrangement of the schedules on which the vessels operate might be made to the interests of the travelling public, so that one steamer might leave here in the morning and the other in the evening, instead of both in the evening, as at present.

The Boston Steamship Company's Pleiades, one of the liners which comes to this port, was at Port Arthur during the Japanese torpedo boat attack on the Russian fleet. The vessel is still there. She had 2,600 tons of cargo, mostly flour, consigned to Port Arthur from Seattle and Tacoma. The vessel flies the American flag, and so far has not been molested.

The lumber laden ship Klyder will arrive here from Chemainus to-morrow to receive a crew before proceeding to sea.

—Steamship Ramona takes the place of the steamship Cottage City this trip, sailing 13th inst., for Skagway and way ports.

—All who are interested in the formation of the Y. M. C. A. minstrels are requested to attend a meeting to be held at 8 o'clock this evening. W. A. Petch has kindly offered to conduct.

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M. RATTENBURY EXONERATED.

Report of Committee on Government House Contracts—The Attorney-General Has "Amendicitis."

The report brought in last night by the committee inquiring into Government House contracts exonerates F. M. Rattenbury of all attempts at dishonesty and gives him credit for having looked to the interests of the government in his work. Exception is taken to the report by a good many members of the legislature, including one of the members of the committee, who knew nothing of the interim report until it was presented in the House. The exceptions not taken to what the report says but what it left unsaid. The ground taken is this. The investigation was incomplete. All the evidence had not been taken. Mr. Rattenbury gave a very clear explanation, it is admitted, of his dealings but was not cross-examined.

Why one of the arbitrators has been examined. Mr. Hooper in his evidence said that he did not blame Mr. Rattenbury so much as the government for the irregularities in connection with the work. Members point out that enough was brought out to show that the board of arbitrators were misled at least in part in coming to the conclusions to which they came as to carelessness on the part of the department. It might, before the close, have been upset or substantiated, but on the same ground that Mr. Rattenbury was exonerated these members hold that the arbitrators also should have been exonerated.

Some members of the committee explain that this was intended to be done, but the report was prepared in a hurry and it was impossible to arrange it satisfactorily.

The session taken up nearly altogether since dress with unimportant amendments to various acts closed last night. The present Attorney-General has shown a most remarkable disposition to amend the statutes, one of the government party referring to his characteristic of the Hon. Mr. Wilson, said: "Yes, he has amendicitis." With next year's time to get his work in the members expect to see volumes of amending bills brought down to the House next session.

Before the House reassembles at least one bye-election will be held, that in Lillooet. It is possible that a second one may be held in Nelson, as J. Houston contemplates leaving the province. The Lillooet seat is now vacant, according to the act passed during this session qualifying Archibald McDonald. In that constituency it is believed that Mr. McDonald may again be the government candidate. He is known to have no liking for political life, and, left to follow his own inclinations, he would not contest the seat. The government, it is said, recognize in him the only hope of holding the seat, and are bringing all the pressure possible to bear to get him to enter the fight.

The Liberal party have little fear of the results of that election, however, and it is almost certain that Lillooet will be represented at the next session by a Liberal.

Should Mr. Houston resign, Nelson will undoubtedly return a Liberal member.

The Premier has promised railway legislation in a few months, and supporters of his government who are interested in seeing something done in this line will insist upon something being done. If the Premier fails it is more than probable that he will have some vacant seats to fill. Some of these members will not vote against the government, but they will resign their seats rather than allow their constituencies to be played with.

HUNTING FATALITY.

Man Accidently Shot at Howe Sound —Boy Said Death at Vancouver.

A coroner's inquest was held at Vancouver on Tuesday, over the body of Bicenta, a Chilean, who was accidentally shot at Howe Sound on Monday. After hearing the evidence relating to the circumstances surrounding the death of the deceased, the jury were not long in returning the following verdict: "That the deceased came to his death from a bullet accidentally discharged from a gun in the hands of Albert Rivera." The first witness called was Albert Rivera, who fired the fatal shot. He said that on Monday morning he had gone out shooting for deer with the deceased and a man named James W. Stage. They proceeded some distance from the camp when Stage left them and went off on another trail to look for game. Rivera stated that he and the deceased man were walking along when witness espied a deer. He called to the deceased. The latter evidently did not hear witness, as he made a run towards the deer. Witness had fired five shots, the deceased Chilean running in front of the rifle when the last shot was fired. The bullet hit the man in the left elbow, which was bent, and had passed right through the left side. As soon as the deceased fell to the ground, witness called loudly to Stage, who was some distance from them. He came hurriedly up and between them they carried the injured man back to camp. J. W. Stage, the next witness, said they had proceeded about half a mile from the camp when he left the party and set out by himself. About an hour later he was startled to hear three shots in rapid succession, then a fourth was fired, and a few minutes later he heard another shot fired. Almost at the same time that the last shot was fired he heard Rivera calling loudly that Bicenta had been shot. He went at once and found the deceased lying stretched out on his back groaning loudly. He asked Bicenta whether Rivera had done it intentionally, and the deceased had replied, "No, no, Rivera shot at deer and couldn't hit it; greenhorn shooter." Bicenta died at 7.30 p.m. Witness said that the deceased had distinctly told him that the shooting was accidental, and that Rivera had aimed at the deer.

A sad tobogganing accident occurred on Jackson avenue, Vancouver, on Monday night. Willie Douglas, aged 14 years, son of Robert Douglas, was sliding down at full speed when his sleigh crashed into another which two boys were dragging up the hill, and a plank projecting in front struck him in the stomach, and knocked him off his seat. He was picked up in a badly shaken condition, and taken to the home of his parents on Barnard street. Medical aid was summoned, and it was found that the blow had caused internal hemmorrhage, filling the stomach with blood. The last words he spoke were in answer to an inquiry from his mother, "I am not very much hurt," he said. Then he sank into a stupor, and in about an hour breathed his last.

Dr. J. W. Bland, V. S., of Vancouver, has received word from Dr. Rutherford, chief veterinary inspector for the Dominion, notifying him of his reappointment as veterinary inspector of the Dominion government at this port. Dr. Bland's appointment will take effect immediately. Dr. Bland has been veterinary inspector at that port for several years, but resigned last fall. During the past few months the office was filled by Dr. A. G. Hopkins, who recently resigned to join the staff of an agricultural paper. Dr. J. B. Hart, Vancouver, has also been notified of his appointment as Dominion veterinary inspector at New Westminster.

The Presbytery of Westminster held a special meeting in the First Presbyterian church, Vancouver, the first matter taken up being the call from the congregation of Paris, Ont., to Rev. R. G. MacBeth. It was agreed in the usual course to cite the congregation of the First Presbyterian church, to appear for their interests at the regular meeting of the Presbytery on February 23rd. The next item was a call from Fort Langley to Rev. J. A. G. Calder. The call was sustained and put in the hands of Mr. Calder, who accepted it.

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Formally Opened By Bishop Perrin Last Night—Financial Statement Read.

The new St. Barnabas's Sunday school was formally opened last night, when T. W. Palmer, superintendent, read a most interesting statement regarding the finances of the building, showing that there was a balance of but $280 due on the contract price, for which a promissory note due, June 30th, was given. A petition from the scholars was then read, after which Bishop Perrin complimented Mr. Palmer and members of the building committee, and declared the building duly opened. A concert, under the direcorship of A. Longfield, followed, which was much enjoyed. The petition referred to was as appended:

To the Right Reverend William Wilcox, Bishop of Columbia:

To the Rev. Ernest Miller, rector, and to Messrs. Thomas Palmer, lay reader and superintendent; Edward E. Wootton, churchwarden; Alexander M. Bannerman, George W. Knox, members of the building committee:

We, by these presents, do send you greeting, and petition His Lordship, the Bishop of the diocese, to formally and publicly declare this building opened for the use hereinafter mentioned.

We desire that it be known as "St. Barnabas's Sunday school room," and that its primary use be for the scholars attending the Sunday school.

That entertainments and local gatherings take place from time to time for the mutual benefit of those attending our church.

That the various parochial societies hold their meetings in the classrooms provided, thus making it a centre of church life and education.

We believe it would be beneficial to the children of our parish if a church day school could be established to be known as St. Barnabas's church school.

We notice with much gratification amongst the subscribers the name of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière, K.C.M.G., Lieut.-Governor of the province.

The untiring energies and perseverance of our revered superintendent, Mr. Thos. A. Palmer, have brought about this much needed schoolroom, and he has the thanks of parishioners and scholars.

We congratulate the contractor, Mr. W. E. Regan, on his successful and conscientious work.

We pray Almighty God to bestow His blessing.

Signed on behalf of the scholars.
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The banking firm of Stephen, Lahrmann & Son, of Bremen, Germany, has failed. The assets are estimated at $250,000, and the liabilities at $1,500,000. Besides Bremen, the principal places affected are London, New York and Paris.

Owing to the indisposition of Emperor Francis Joseph, who is suffering from lumbago, the levee set for to-morrow has been cancelled.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

cial Assembly and the Trial of Controverted Elections.

An act to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act.

An act to amend the Sale of Goods Act.

An act to amend the Horticultural Board Act.

An act respecting the Constitution, Practice and Procedure of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and for other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice.

An act to provide for the Proper Management of Jails and for the Organization, Management and Discipline of the Provincial Police Force.

An act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

An act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1898.

An act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies.

An act to amend the Health Act.

An act to amend the Public Schools Act.

An act to amend the Poison Act.

An act to amend the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act.

An act to amend the Land Registry Act Amendment Act, 1900.

An act to provide an additional sum for the completion of the New Westminster Bridge across the Fraser River.

An act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.

An act to secure to certain Pioneer Settlers within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Belt their surface and under-surface rights.

An act to amend the Public Parks Act.

An act to amend the Companies Act, 1897.

An act relating to the Attachment of Debts.

An act to amend the Line Fences and Water Courses Act.

An act further to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

An act to amend the County Courts Act.

An act to amend the Judgments Act, 1899.

An act to enable the City of Vancouver to acquire any Lands and Interests in, on or adjoining the foreshore of a certain portion of False Creek, Vancouver.

An act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni & Fort Rupert Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the British Columbia Insurance Company.

An act to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.

An act to amend the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company Act, 1901.

An act to regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

An act to amend the Medical Act, 1898.

An act to amend the Counties Definition Act.

An act respecting the Official Map of a portion of Comiaken District.

An act for prevention of Frauds and Perjuries. (For prevention of many fraudulent practices, which are commonly endeavored to be upheld by perjury and subornation of perjury.)

An act to amend the Legal Professions Act.

An act to amend the South African War Land Grant Act, 1901.

An act to qualify Archibald McDonald to represent the Lillooet Electoral District in the present Session of the Legislative Assembly.

An act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1900.

An act to amend the Animals Act.

An act to amend the Bills of Sale Act.

An act to amend the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897.

An act to amend the Trail Incorporation Act, 1901, Amendment Act, 1903.

It was announced that His Honor reserved his assent to "An act to amend the Municipal Elections Act."

The Speaker addressed his Honor the Lieut.-Governor as follows:

"May it Please Your Honor:

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the province of British Columbia, in session assembled, approach Your Honor at the close of our labors with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honor's acceptance bill (No. 68) intituled 'An act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.'"

His Honor then read the following speech:

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"In relieving you from your legislative duties, it affords me pleasure to express my appreciation of the earnest and careful manner with which you have dealt with the important questions submitted for your consideration.

"The measures adopted with the view of ameliorating the financial condition of the province will, I feel confident, have the desired effect. While it has been deemed expedient to curtail the expenditure, a careful administration of the various departments will, I trust, insure an efficient service.

"I observe that a new Election Act has been passed to remedy the defects of existing legislation.

"I am pleased to note the growing activity in the timber industry, and the great increase in the output of mines.

"The steady improvement in agriculture, especially in the branches of dairying and horticulture, is a source of great satisfaction.

"I thank you for the supplies granted for the administration of public affairs.

"I now relieve you from further attendance in the legislature, and pray that your efforts may be blessed with abundant success."

The Premier thereupon said:

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"It is His Honor the Lieut.-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and the Provincial Legislative assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly."

His Honor retired, after which the members of the legislature sang "God Save the King."

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 11.—5 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over the western portion of the continent, while off the Oregon Coast there is centred an extensive storm area. Rain and sleet has fallen on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and rain continues from the Columbia river to California. More snow has fallen in Kootenay and in Cariboo. In the Territories the cold wave is moderating.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday:

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy with occasional rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled with sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .08; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; rain, .20; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 4 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, calm; snow, .40; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.36; temperature, 20 below; minimum, 24 below; wind, 4 miles W; snow, .08; weather, clear.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

3rd to 9th February, 1904.
Victoria Meteorological Office.

The weather during this week has been remarkably overcast, accompanied by considerable rain during the first portion and snow has fallen both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. These conditions were caused by the hovering of an extensive and important high barometer area and cold wave over Northern British Columbia and the Territories. On the coast the track of easterly moving storms was forced to the south of Vancouver Island. This movement permitted the heavier and colder air from the north and east to cross the mountains to the seaboard. While the snowfall in this immediate vicinity was only 4.25 inches, considerably more fell on the adjacent higher lands. At New Westminster the snowfall amounted to 11.40 inches and the temperature there was below freezing upon the last four days of the week, and in Cariboo it ranged from 2 below to 24 below zero during the last five days of the week. Upon Tuesday, 9th, an ocean storm area of greater intensity than the previous ones approached this coast and caused a strong gale both from the Columbia river to Flattery and on the Straits and Sound. At Victoria the greatest velocity recorded was 50 miles an hour for one continuous hour, and at the rate of 60 miles during squalls of five minutes' duration. Much snow has fallen in the mountains, particularly about Field, where it has impeded traffic. The hovering of this extensive high barometer area over the Territories has caused zero temperatures there without interruption. The lowest recorded was 40 below at Prince Albert upon two days.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine registered was 3 hours and 25 minutes; rain, .73 inches; snow, 4.25 inches; highest temperature, 48.8 on 4th, and lowest 24.5, on 8th.

New Westminster—Rain, 1.80 inches; snow, 11.40 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 5th, and lowest, 12 on the 9th.

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THE TRUSTEE BOARD IN MONTHLY SESSION

They Discussed a Number of Matters Scholastic—Fire Alarm System in Schools Proposed.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening, when Miss Jeanette C. Cann was appointed to the High school teaching staff in succession to Miss R. Watson.

Chairman Jay presided, and there were present Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Lewis, Mowat, Boggs, Huggett and Dr. Hall.

Lieut.-Col. Hall, C. O., Fifth Regiment, wrote asking for the loan of chairs from the South Park school for the accommodation of those attending the Paardeberg Day celebration on February 18th at the drill hall. The request was granted.

Ed. Bragg recommended the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, as suitable for school purposes.

Received and filed.

City Clerk Dowler acknowledged the receipt of the board's annual estimates. He stated that the council had agreed to submit a by-law providing for the proposed extraordinary expenditure of $40,000. This was received, and thanks will be tendered the council.

A communication was received from R. L. Drury, M. P. P., as follows:

"Dear Sir:—For the information of yourself and the board I wish to say that the enclosed bill was a subject of some discussion by myself, both on the floor of the House and also in several interviews with the Hon. the Premier. The ground I took was strongly against compelling candidates for third-class certificates to attend the Normal school at Vancouver, contending that their professional training should be given locally, the same as is done in all towns in Ontario by what are known as model schools. The Premier acted very fairly, and in view of the representations made consented to drop this feature from the bill so as to allow of further time for interested parties and educational boards throughout the province to present their views to the government. It seems to me that this is a subject of considerable interest to our citizens laid on the table until the matter comes generally and especially to those entering the teaching profession, and if your board feels interested in the matter I think it would be advisable to make their views known to the government before the next session of the legislature.

"I introduced the amendment to the School Act making it unnecessary for the school board to present a petition to the city council for the purpose of passing a money by-law, and the amendment passed, so that your board will now have the right to ask the city council to submit a by-law to the people without going to the expense and trouble of a petition from the ratepayers.

"R. L. DRURY."

A. J. Pineo applied for certain appliances used in chemistry instruction at the High school. The total expense, he stated, would amount to about $11. Leave was granted and the request be granted.

This was objected to by Trustee Mowat. He could not see how such things could be utilized at the school at the present time.

In order to bring the matter to a head Trustee Dr. Hall moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee. This was carried.

Miss Williams, principal of the Girls' Central school, reported an opportunity to purchase an encyclopedia cheaply. It would be quite an acquisition to the girls' library, and she suggested that the funds necessary be appropriated.

On motion, the request was granted.

Trustee Boggs, on behalf of the building and grounds committee, submitted the following report:

"We recommend that the space between the sidewalk on King's road and Second street be filled in with the board from the old fence, and that the work be done by day labor at a cost not exceeding $20.

"That all the doors in the South Park school be made to open outwards and that your committee have power to order such work to be undertaken at once.

"That orders be issued to use all the exits in the South Park school when the pupils are dismissed in order to accustom the children to them in case of fire. Also that the janitor be ordered to have all doors unlocked during the school hours.

"We further report that the boiler of the Central school has been inspected and the work required by the inspector has been carried out. For this we ask the approval of the board.

"We would also ask authority to rearrange a portion of the fire insurance in order that one-third of the policies shall fall due on the 1st day of March next.

"We would ask the opinion as to the advisability of providing about ten square yards of slated cloth for the Chinese schoolroom."

There was some discussion on the first matter mentioned. It was finally decided to adopt the recommendation. The question of improvements to the grounds at an expenditure of $50 also caused some discussion. On motion it was disallowed.

Other clauses of the report met with the approval of the board, and were adopted unanimously.

A report was submitted by the finance committee enclosing bills to the amount of $1,352.85, and recommending that the same be paid. It was adopted without discussion.

Trustee Boggs asked that a "sports committee" be appointed. Such a committee, it was pointed out, could only be appointed by giving notice of motion.

Trustee Lewis pointed out that there were 79 pupils over 16 years of age receiving tuition at the High school. According to the School Act it was provided that free education be given children from the ages of 6 to 16. He wanted to know whether the board was within its legal rights in taking in those over the age limit. He gave figures showing that $700 was expended yearly in providing education for pupils over 16 years.

Trustee Boggs said that he intended introducing a motion suggesting that the board communicate with the educational department asking whether the School Act was to be interpreted to mean that no students over 16 years should be educated free of charge.

It was explained by Trustee Dr. Hall that the act provided that all children between 6 and 16 years must be educated free of charge, but did not say that students over the age limit shall not be accepted. It was left to the discretion of the board to impose a fee or otherwise.

Trustee Mowat introduced a motion providing that a fire alarm system be installed in all schools of two stories or over, and that a special committee be appointed to bring the matter to an immediate conclusion.

This was seconded by Trustee Dr. Hall.

It was put and carried.

It was moved by Trustee Mrs. Jenkins that the sympathy of the board be extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul in their recent bereavement.

Trustee Mowat suggested that system of "drinking fountains" be established in connection with the different local schools. He explained that the present system, where all pupils put their mouths to a tap, was disgusting. The cause of fountains would be comparatively trifling.

This was referred to the building and grounds committee for consideration.

A notice of motion was submitted by Trustee Boggs as follows:

"That in the opinion of the board is desirable that a regular annual field day for the pupils of the public schools should be set apart, such field day be upon the most suitable holiday the be agreed upon by the principals of the schools in conference with a sports committee, to be named by the chairman.

Trustee Mowat moved that the board be divided into two committees, whose business it would be to visit the schools at regular intervals.

Dr. Hall pointed out that such a motion was out of order as nobody could make it compulsory for trustees to visit schools at specified times.

On the suggestion of the chairman Trustee Mowat put the proposal in the form of a notice of motion.

A complaint was made by Trustee Mowat against the use of electric light at the High school in the evenings.

Supt. Eaton explained that it had been the custom of A. J. Pineo to conduct classes once or twice a week at the school. In order to replace any of the school material used a small fee had been exacted from the pupils. It was not Mr. Pineo's wish to run the board into any expense.

Trustee Huggett moved, seconded by Trustee Boggs, that Mr. Pineo be allowed the use of the High school in the evenings. This was carried.

During the evening the board went into a committee of the whole for the selection of a teacher for the High school in place of Miss Watson, resigned. After considerable balloting Miss Jeanette C. Cann was chosen to fill the vacancy.

A motion was introduced by Trustee Dr. Hall to the effect that a special committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the question of extraordinary expenditure. This was carried. Those selected were Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Dr. Hall and B. Boggs.

The meeting then adjourned.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

GAME PROTECTION.

To the Editor:—I enclose a clipping from the Field, the well-known English sporting paper, containing some correspondence between Mr. Roberts, of Vancouver, and Mr. Haggard, an English gentleman, who has paid several visits to British Columbia.

"As to the "really serious attempt which is to be made to properly protect game and fish," I may say that for over a year past the Game Association has been collecting information re destruction of game and fish in various parts of the province. The result has been the drafting of an act for the protection of game, which, after our being assured by the government would be brought before the House this session, has been put aside owing to there being not a sufficient number of men on the government side of the House with enough brains to realize the importance of game to the province. We were next promised a committee of the House to go into the matter with the members of the Game Association. Yesterday we were told that this was another promise which could not be fulfilled. I can, however, assure the government that the "really serious attempt" will not stop here, and that if they persist in their refusal to pass proper and reasonable legislation for the better protection of game, the Game Association will do their utmost (and I am glad to say that their voting power is increasing daily) to send men to the House who will pass the necessary legislation:

J. MUSGRAVE.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 10th, 1904.

Sir:—As a sequel to the correspondence upon this subject, which appeared in the Field of October 10th, October 24th, December 12th and 19th, I forward the following letter which I have received from Mr. Kenneth A. Roberts, in the town of Vancouver:

I write to solicit your services as a sportsman interested in this province in a scheme that is contemplated to the importation and establishment of suitable kinds of game birds. I am sure you will feel much interested in the idea and no doubt could help us materially in attaining our object. You will know how well pheasants have multiplied and thriven both on the "Island" and in the lower Fraser River delta, and this success has led to the wish that other game birds should be tried, and, if possible, it is proposed to obtain the following: 100 blackgame, 50 or 25 capercaillie, 200 partridges and 100 woodcock. We have ascertained that the expense would be much too great in the case of blackgame and capercaillie, were the birds to be obtained through dealers. Henry Cross, of Liverpool, quotes £4.10s. per pair as the price of blackgame, and more for capercaillie. I have suggested to the various game protection societies that the requisite number of birds could probably be obtained by asking the help of sportsmen, owners of estates and shootings in England and Scotland, and who might be inclined to donate a few birds each. As a preliminary I have been asked to communicate with people at home, and should favorable replies be received, it is proposed that I should be sent home to collect and bring out the birds. I would in this case arrive in England about the end of January, and return with the birds some time in April. You can well understand that the birds would stand a poor chance of ever getting here without an attendant, and I have offered my services in this connection as being well up in the natural history and management of such birds. Do you think it would be feasible to catch as many cocks as above mentioned? And what is your opinion as to the travelling capabilities of woodcock? Any hints you can give us on these points would be very much appreciated. If you think favorably of the scheme, would you kindly let me know by return whether you could donate a few birds, or ask friends who would do so.

We have petitioned the present government of the province to appoint salaried game wardens in the different districts, and to institute a gun license, which would pay for this. A really serious attempt is to be made to properly protect game and fish, and it is high time something was done. The illegal taking of game and fish, especially on the Island, has become a crying scandal, and it is a disgrace to the community to allow such slackness on the part of those in authority. The laws are made, but never properly enforced. Your recent letter in the Feld certainly hit the right nail on the head.

KENNETH A. ROBERTS.

I am convinced that, in the interests of our fellow sportsmen in British Columbia, you will be kind enough to publish this letter, and to invite co-operation from estate owners in Great Britain in helping by the kindly gift of a few game birds which seem eminently suitable for naturalization in British Columbia.

To all those who, like myself, are acquainted with British Columbia, and have read the letters in the Field of Edward Musgrave and J. H. Wrigley, there is one remark in Mr. Roberts's letter which will be particularly welcome. That is, "A really serious attempt is to be made to properly protect game and fish." As he remarks, it is indeed high time that something was done. I can remember the Cowichan river a few years ago when the sport in it was magnificent. Moreover, the salmon would, in addition to other baits, occasionally take a fly within its waters. Now the Indians are allowed not only to spear but to dynamite the fish openly, even at the town of Duncans. This indicates the spread of civilization with a vengeance. Again, I can remember when the waters of the Kootenay river were famous throughout a province full of good rivers. Now, it appears, they are infamous.

To come to the shooting. Ten years ago, in the easily accessible district around the Okanagan, Dog and Vasseux lakes, I could go out in a morning and see any number of splendid mule deer and a few white tails. If I worked all day on the mountain slopes I was certain to see one or two lots of bighorn sheep. It was the easiest thing in the world to stalk four or five good bucks with fine heads in a day. The sheep, of course, were not so easy to get, but they were there in plenty. A great point was being made just at that time of the $50 game license, mentioned by Mr. Wrigley, which was to be imposed on strangers expressly to keep out the meat seekers, and still more the hide seekers, from over the American border. How lamentable has been the failure to enforce its imposition that gentleman has pointed out. The state of things that he reports is a disgrace to the government of the finest game country in the world, one which contains, inter alia, puma, grizzly, cinnamon bear, moose, caribou, splendid, wapiti and wild goat. Let, therefore, the Sportsmen's Association, which Mr. Musgrave mentions as newly formed, bestir itself vigorously before it is too late. Fifteen years ago there were still buffalo on the plains. I would suggest their making widely known through the local press the necessity there is for all sportsmen in the province to join in the agitation for reform and the enforcement of the laws.

In conclusion, since the suggestions which I made upon a previous occasion in the columns of the Field have, I am pleased to see, apparently met with approval, I have one more to offer. It is that fair sportsmen coming from the Old Country need not necessarily be taxed so highly as $50 for a shooting license. Those men bring money into the country, and are only too willing to assist in remedying abuses. Moreover, upon landing in Canada they have already been far too highly taxed on their guns and fishing rods.

ANDREW HAGGARD.

PROTECT ALL GAME BIRDS.

To the Editor:—I was very pleased to see the letter appearing in Monday's issue of the Daily Times, signed by "Delate," answered at once by Protection and Mr. J. Musgrave in such an able manner. All farmers remember the pest of "cut-worms" we had a few years ago, and several will remember they put down paris green to kill them. A few days after a lot of dead pheasants were found in and near the potato fields. On opening their crops they were found to be full of cut-worms. The pheasants had eaten a large quantity of worms that had taken the paris green. This was a clear proof that the pheasants here are valuable to the farmers as insect destroyers. That they do destroy potatoes and grain to a certain extent I am quite willing to admit, but not to the extent "Delate" tries to make out. I am personally acquainted with a "small farmer" near Cedar Hill, and have seen fifty or sixty pheasants in his field at one time, but he said: "Although they did destroy some of my pears, I like to see them in my field, because I know they are splendid grub and insect hunters." "Delate" seems to have a desire to attack the gun clubs. Although I am not a member of these clubs myself, I can safely say they had nothing to do with the petition beyond signing it. Grouse and quail certainly want better protection, and I have yet to hear a complaint from the farmers about these birds destroying, their crops. If Mr. McBride's government would look up the clause re cold storage in the proposed Game Act and pass it, together with the prohibition of the Browning Automatic Gun, they would, I am sure, fall in with the views of the sportsmen generally not only on Vancouver Island, but in the whole of British Columbia.

If the farmers are so anxious (as "Delate" tries to make out) to exterminate the pheasants, why do they post all their land with trespass notices? During the fourteen years I've lived as a working resident in Victoria I've found the farmers a good-hearted lot of men, and only on one occasion have I been refused permission to shoot over their land. During this time I have never heard one try, or begin to try, to make out that the pheasant was such a terribly destructive bird as Mr. "Delate" would like to make them out.

ANOTHER WHO SIGNED THE PETITION.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 10th, 1904.

THE HALIBUT FISHERY.

To the Editor:—We are at last awakening to a consciousness of the fact that enterprising Americans have been fishing on our halibut banks for six or seven years, with scarcely a word of protest from the people or the press of the province.

One cannot blame the Americans for gathering in everything on the earth, and "in the waters under the earth," which is neither valued nor protected by the rightful owners thereof.

A statement has been made in the newspapers and in board of trade reports, that a certain fishing company has a monopoly of the halibut business of the United States. This is not correct.

The fish company shipping via the C. P. R. from Vancouver has a permit to "touch and trade," but this does not cover the right to catch halibut within the three-mile limit. The moment that aliens infringe upon our fisheries, it is the duty of fishery protection officers to report this fact to headquarters at Ottawa.

It is a well known fact that British Columbia has the only halibut fisheries of any commercial importance on the Pacific Coast of America. If the people of the province cannot secure adequate protection for these fisheries, and if they lack the enterprise to engage in the halibut business, there is no one to blame but themselves. All that the people of this province have to do, to establish a lucrative and extensive business in this direction, is to study the methods of the enterprising Americans who have been quietly making fortunes out of British Columbia halibut.

With regard to the question of duty on halibut entering the United States, it is only necessary to consult the United States tariff to find that fresh fish may enter duty free, whether caught by Canadians or Americans.

On the Atlantic Coast Canadian halibut packed in ice enters the United States duty free, because fish thus preserved are not frozen, but are simply kept at the temperature of melting ice. Frozen halibut are ruined for the market, but halibut packed in powderer ice are kept at just the proper temperature to prevent spoiling, and yet are not frozen solid. The halibut caught on our banks can be landed in Boston at a total cost of less than four cents per pound, while the price to wholesale buyers in New England cities ranges from ten cents to twenty-five cents per pound.

Shippers can take advantage of cold storage facilities in Eastern cities, by paying half a cent a month per pound of fish, and may thus await the most favorable condition of the market.

The fact is that British Columbia shippers of fresh fish would have just as good a chance to sell fish as Americans have, because there are a number of rival American companies that deal in fresh fish, and if one will not buy our fish another would. We own the only productive halibut fisheries on this side of the Continent, and there does not appear to be any valid reason why aliens should come here and catch fish that will enter into competition with our own shippers.

It is not too late for us to claim and secure our rights.

Let us put the proper machinery in motion at once.

W. F. BEST.

MUNICIPALITIES.

To the Editor:—In a recent issue you called attention to the desirability of organizing more municipalities. There are several districts fairly well settled where that course would be of advantage to all concerned, and which should not need provincial aid except for emergency purposes. But there are very many important but sparsely settled districts where it would be perfect waste to introduce a full municipal organization. Even there, however, there is urgent need for a different system from the present to end the rule of the "road boss" and the use of public money for political purposes. It is not a very long time since there assembled in your good city a convention under the auspices of the "Good Roads Association," which was attended by a large number of gentlemen from all parts of the province. "How to secure good roads," was the topic for discussion, and that convention adopted unanimously a resolution asking to have the unincorporated areas divided into road districts, as far as possible; to have three road trustees elected by the people in each district; and to entrust to these trustees the task of expending the government appropriations for roads in their respective districts. This course is adapting to the requirements of road work the plan which has proved simple and effective in the matter of school work.

Of necessity there would need to be three or four provincial road inspectors to guide and check these trustees, but the chief check on the trustees would be their responsibility to the district electors.

The present should be a fairly opportune time for the government to consider the recommendation of that important convention, and, if possible, to give effect to it. These trustees might also serve as local boards of health, license commissioners and courts of revision of the local assessment rolls, etc. The power to levy taxation should not be vested in them, but their grants should be in proportion to the amount of taxes paid by the district.

ALEX. PHILIP.

Vancouver, February 8th, 1904.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Thursday.

1. Gymnastic Night;
2. General Practice for Paardeberg Day;
3. Practice, Bugle Band.

Friday.

No. 5 and 6 Companies Physical Drill

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3. No. 1 and 2 Companies, Disabled Ordnance.
4. Band Practice.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER STEVEDORING AND CONTRACTING COMPANY, LIMITED:

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 29th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of the solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, the liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefits of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1904.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GOODS AND EFFECTS OF LOUIS FREDERICK BAUMANN, DECEASED, INTESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Louis Frederick Baumann, who died on the 30th day of December, 1903, intestate, are required, on or before the 20th day of February, 1904, to send full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned. And further take notice that after such date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the Administrator, Frederick Baumann, will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claims notice shall not have been received at the time of distribution.

Dated the 20th January, 1904.

HINKSON SIDDALL,
14 Chancery Lane, Victoria, B. C.,
Agent for the said Administrator, Frederick Baumann.

NOTICE.

A reward of $150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.

February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.

The reward of $1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.

February 5th, 1904.

Silver Band Mining Co., Ltd

The annual meeting of shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, 74 Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on 10th February, 1904, at 8 p. m.

E. B. MARVIN, President.
F. F. HEDGES, Secy.-Treas.

Municipal Notice

Municipal Bye-Election 1904

PUBLIC NOTICE

Is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., in the court room of the City Hall aforesaid, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 3rd day of February, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH HOBBS, DECEASED.

Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 30th December, 1903, are requested to send by post, or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton, Topaz avenue, Victoria, B. C., Noah Shakespeare, Hillside avenue, in the said city, or to the undersigned, on or before the 5th day of March, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Sarah Hobbs on or before the 30th day of December, 1903, are required to pay the same, if not already paid, to the executors within the period above mentioned.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this .... day of January, 1904.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for the Executors.

1904. T. No. 1.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of The Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898, and in the Matter of The Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited Liability.

The creditors of the above named company are required, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to William Templeman, of the City of Victoria, Journalist, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers Court at Victoria, B. C., at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday, the 15th day of February, 1904, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, in such Chamber Court is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon such debts and claims.

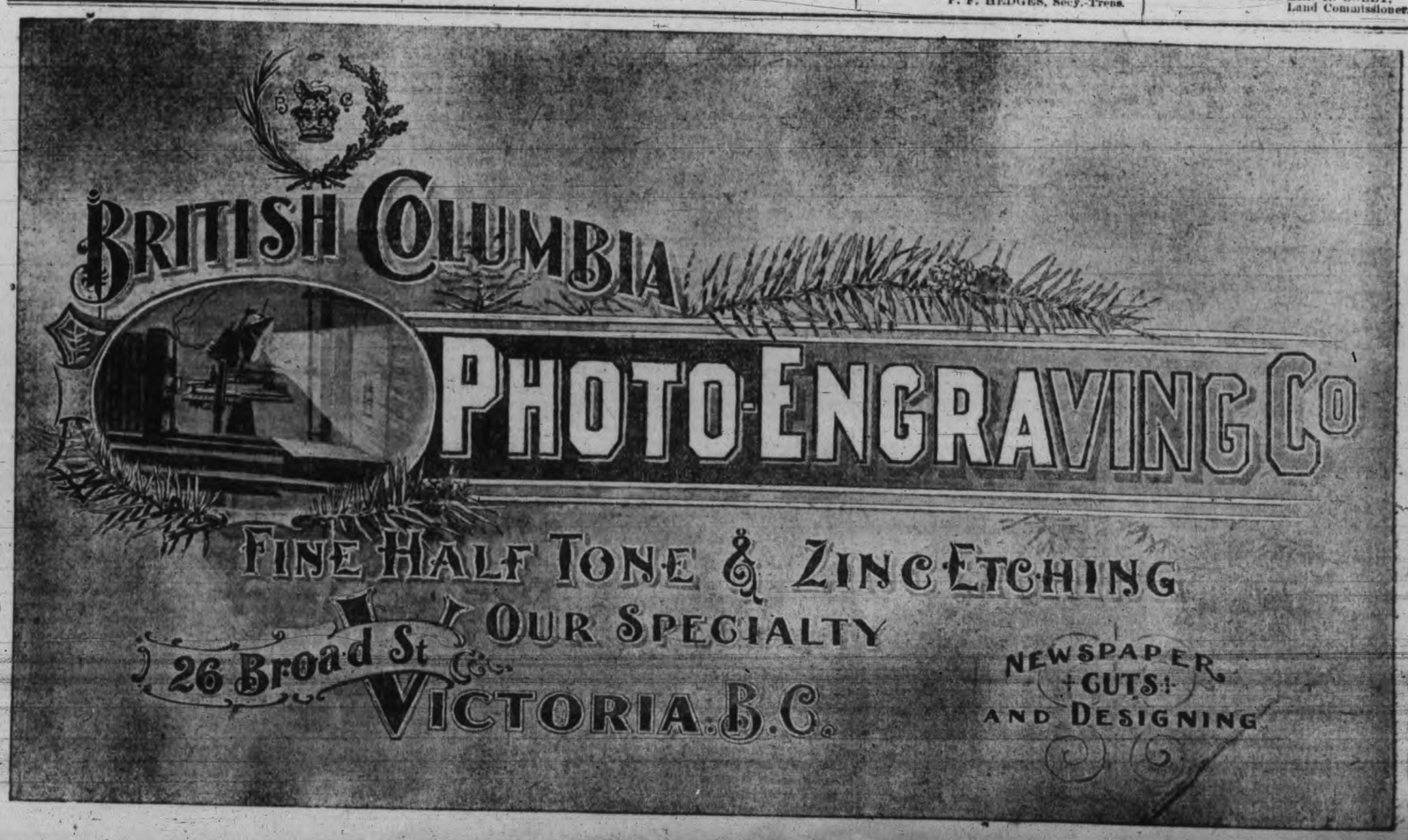
Dated this 6th day of January, 1904.

HARVEY COMBE,
Deputy District Registrar.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the East by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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ANNUAL BALL OF THE LOCAL EAGLES

A Scene of Splendor at the Assembly Hall Last Evening—List of Prize Winners.

The fifth annual masquerade ball of the local aerie of Eagles was held last evening at Assembly hall. There was an attendance of between 450 and 500, and everyone present spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. From shortly after 8 o'clock until the early hours there was unrestrained gaiety among the maskers. The scene was most brilliant. It is doubtful, in fact, if at any previous affair of the kind there have been more elaborate or a greater variety of costumes. The decorations for the Native Sons' ball had been slightly added to and the effect was impressive.

Dancing was continued up to about midnight, when the merry-makers unmasked and enjoyed the deception played on acquaintances. About this time an adjournment was taken to the supper room. This was one of the principal features of the function. The table decorations have seldom been excelled. Flags, bunting, evergreen and flowers had been used in profusion and a myriad of colored lights added to the brilliancy of the scene. The menu was a credit to the caterer, J. M. Hughes, of the Queen's hotel, and the service was all that could be desired.

This was followed by the judging, which was performed by W. H. Price, Ed. Smith and Mr. Davis, of Nanaimo. The awards follow:

Grand Tombola, Mrs. V. M. Graham (one family half-cabinet Singer sewing machine, value $75).

Finest costumed lady masker, Mrs. M. O'Keefe (New Jewel range, value $35).

Best national character by lady, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher (magnificent massive quarter oak upholstered rocker, value $25, presented by Smith & Champion).

Best original character representing any business firm or stock in trade, lady, Miss P. Snyder (dinner set, 97 pieces, gilt lined and illuminated, value $15, presented by Hastie's Fair).

Best sustained character, lady, Mrs. P. Shandley (aluminium guitar, value $25, presented by Herbert Kent).

Best original character representing a trade or profession, lady, Mrs. A. K. Laleivre (china tea set, 40 pieces, value $8, presented by Hastie's Fair).

Most comical character, lady, Mrs. Gordon (silver cake basket, value $7, presented by C. E. Redfern).

Finest costumed gentleman masker, T. M. Brayshaw (Columbia grand graphaphone, value $50, presented by M. W. Waitt & Co.).

Best national character, gentleman, J. Todhunter (elegant massive quarter oak upholstered easy chair, value $25, presented by Smith & Champion).

Best original character representing any business firm or stock in trade, gentleman, J. H. Smith (Morris reclining chair, value $15, presented by Smith & Champion).

Best sustained character, gentleman, J. Lyon (Dobson banjo, value $20, presented by M. W. Waitt & Co).

Best original character representing a trade or professional gentleman, H. Norman (beautiful lamp, value $12.50, presented by Hastie's Fair).

Most comical character, gentlemen, Messrs. Price and Randolph (one ton of coal, presented by Hall & Walker).

Person selling most tickets, J. Oliver ($10 in cash, presented by Henry Siebenbaumb).

The unqualified success of the affair is largely due to the energy of the members of the general committee in making preparations and to the reception committee for the hearty welcome extended all visitors. Following were those who acted on the two committees mentioned.

General Committee—Chairman, A. W. Von Rhein; secretary, Frank Leroy; treasurer, M. O'Keefe; W. E. Wheeler, Jos. Wachter, F. V. Robertson, G. B. Howard and Thos Gold.

Reception Committee—Chairman, H. F. W. Behnsen; D. T. Barnhardt, Thos. Brayshaw, A. E. Austin, G. W. Wood, S. A. Bantley, L. G. Burns, C. W. Potts, C. W. Cappelman, John Davis, P. W. Dempster, J. M. Hughes, John Richards, Dr. J. Gibbs.

The signal for a general dispersal was given by the rendering of "God Save the King" some hours after midnight. Special cars were provided for the convenience of those attending.

—Nominations for the mayoralty will be held at the city hall to-morrow from 12 o'clock noon until 2 p. m. Ald. G. H. Barnard will be the only candidate, he will be elected by acclamation. During the interim, since his resignation, Ald. Grahame has been acting as chief magistrate.

—The funeral of the late Sister Mary Ethelbert took place this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Ann's Convent. Services were conducted at the chapel by the Right Rev. Archbishop Orth, assisted by Rev. Fathers Nicolai, Laterme and Van Goethem. The following acted as pallbearers: L. G. McQuade, C. Lombard, J. Sehl, M. Lawless, M. C. Brown and L. Papillon.

—The Victoria teachers will convene on Friday next in Y. M. C. A. hall at 2.30 in their third quarterly meeting of the year. Plans for the formation of the Vancouver Island Teachers' Institute will be advanced to completion. Papers on "Geography" by W. N. Winsby and G. A. Coates will be discussed by the pedagogues during a portion of the session.

—In the police court this morning the names of a couple of vags who were remanded from yesterday were called, but there was no response. Warrants for their arrest were issued. A Chinaman, Wing Chung, appeared at the instance of Tax Collector Carter charged with an infraction of the Revenue Tax Act. He had refused to give the names of his employers when requested to do so by the collector. He was compelled to pay the amount required and costs. This afternoon the case of Wong On and Wong Gow, charged with murdering Man Quan is being proceeded with.

The French Chamber of Deputies recently voted to expend the sum of $60,000,000 for the improvement of canals, new waterworks and the extension of sea-ports.

PRINCESS REPORTED TO HAVE ENDED HER LIFE

Rumors of the Suicide of the Wife of Prince Otto Are Current in Vienna.

New York, Feb. 11.—Princess Elizabeth Windescharetz, grand daughter of Emperor Francis Joseph, who was reported on December 6th to have shot the actress, Louise Ziegler, whom the Princess discovered in the apartments of her husband, Prince Otto, has committed suicide, according to a persistent rumor here, says a special cable from Vienna to the World.

The castle at Prague is named as the place where the Princess turned her hand against herself.

The Princess, it is said, was suffering from a form of insanity which manifested itself in fits of jealousy. When suffering thus she sought to kill those whom she suspected of causing her despair. Her jealous fury alternated with periods of acute melancholia, during which she is reported to have attempted her life several times.

Denials inspired by the Austrian court were issued immediately following the announcement of the shooting of Louise Ziegler.

BURNED AT STAKE.

Negro and Wife Victims of Mob's Fury —Tragedy Which Cost Eight Lives.

Doddsville, Miss., Feb. 9.—Luther Holbert and his wife, negroes, were burned at the stake here on Sunday by a mob of over 1,000 persons for the killing of James Eastland, a prominent white planter, and John Carr, a negro, on Wednesday at the Eastland plantation, two miles from this city. The burning of Holbert and his wife closes a tragedy which has cost eight lives. Following are the dead: Luther Holbert and wife, negroes, burned at the stake by a mob; James Eastland, white planter, killed by Holbert; John Carr, negro, killed by Holbert; John Winters, negro, killed by Eastland; three unknown negroes, killed by posses.

The killing of Eastland, Carr and Winters occurred Wednesday at Eastland's plantation. Holbert and Winters were in Carr's cabin, when Eastland entered and ordered Holbert to leave the plantation. A difficulty ensued, in which it is alleged that Holbert opened fire on Eastland, fatally wounding him and killing Carr. Eastland returned the fire and killed Winters.

When the news of the tragedy reached Doddsville a posse was formed and left at once for Eastland's place. Arriving there, further shooting occurred and an unknown negro was killed. Holbert and his wife, who had donned men's clothes, both heavily armed, had fled.

Posses were formed and the pursuit of Holbert and his wife was begun with bloodhounds. The chase, which was begun Wednesday morning, was continued until Saturday night, when Holbert and his wife, worn out from travelling over 100 miles on foot, through canebrakes and swamps, were found asleep in a heavy belt of timber three miles east of Shepardstown and captured by a posse without a shot being fired.

The two negroes were brought to Doddsville and were burned at the stake by a mob almost in the shadow of the negro church here. Two negroes were killed by a posse near Belzonta, Yazoo county. One of the negroes bore a striking resemblance to Holbert, and was mistaken for him by members of the mob.

EASTERN WINTER.

Traffic on Eastern Railways Practically Suspended—Fire at Valleyfield.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Traffic on the railways in Ontario is practically suspended with the exception of passenger and a little freight business on the main lines. So bad has the situation become that the Montreal wholesale houses have began calling in their travellers, as not only are they unable to get around, but if they were the railways are unable to deliver the goods they sell. On some of the branch lines in Ontario trains have not been operated for over a week, and in some places are in danger of a fuel and food famine. To avert these the railway companies are doing everything in their power. Even the oldest inhabitants cannot remember a winter anywhere approaching the present one in the fall of snow nor in the low temperature readings. In Montreal thermometer readings below zero were recorded on nineteen out of the thirty-one days in January, and Ontario did not escape much more lightly. The present fear is that a big thaw will come and cause disastrous floods.

A fire at Valleyfield to-day destroyed the Palace and Victoria hotels and several stores and dwelling houses. The total loss is placed at $40,000; covered by insurance. The fire started in the furnace room of the Palace hotel at 3 o'clock this morning, and destroyed twenty other buildings, including the Victoria hotel, a number of stores and private residences. At noon the fire was still spreading, and it was feared would cross St. Laurent street and destroy a number of small wooden houses. A fireman named Currier was badly injured by the falling of a beam in the Victoria hotel.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

Premier Sprigg Has Been Defeated in Election at East London.

Capetown, Cape Colony, Feb. 11.—Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the Premier, has been defeated in the parliamentary elections at East London, which he had represented for nearly thirty years.

—A driver named Paul, employed by the Victoria Truck & Dray Company, had his arm badly injured yesterday morning. He fell from the seat of his truck, and in some way got his arm badly crushed.

THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON SUNK

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graphed his compatriots from Tokio: "Pray do not delay your departure."

It is reported that submarine mines have been laid at Dalny by the Russians.

WAITING.

Japanese Warships Ready to Seize the Russian Gunboat Mandjur After She Leaves Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur is still here. It is understood that two Japanese warships are waiting here at the mouth of the Yang Tse Kiang.

NOTICE TO CANADIANS.

Notified to Remain Neutral During War Between Japan and Russia.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—An extra of the Canada Gazette will be issued this afternoon with a notice from the state department notifying all Canadians to remain neutral and take no part for either side in the war between Japan and Russia, and stating that a proclamation to this effect will follow.

The Secretary of State is receiving telegrams from Canadians asking as to the safety of missionaries in Korea. Friends of these missionaries in Canada are anxious about them.

OVER-ESTIMATED.

Russia Had Only Fifty Thousand Men in Field During the Boxer Troubles.

London, Feb. 11.—Cabling from Pekin, the correspondent of the London Times asserts that the habitual over-estimation of the Russian forces in the Far East was due to the claim, arising from the Boxer troubles, put forward by M. DeGirs, then Russian minister at Pekin, during the peace negotiations at Pekin in 1900, for an indemnity of £17,000,000 on the ground that Russia had put 179,000 men in the field. It is now known, however, that the real number of their men was under 50,000.

TIENTSIN EVACUATED.

Russian Garrison Has Been Withdrawn—How Japs Spread News of Their Successes.

Tientsin, Feb. 11.—The Russian garrison was withdrawn yesterday to Shan Hai Kwan. The post offices were transferred to the French authorities.

Yuen Shika, governor of Chi Li provinces and commander-in-chief of the army, has issued a proclamation forbidding meetings of the secret societies.

The Japanese are flooding Pekin grafts with newspapers containing reports of the Japanese successes against Russia.

PRICES ADVANCING.

Silk Has Gone Up Ten Per Cent.—Operatives Going Back to Japan.

New York, Feb. 11.—War in the Far East already has affected the silk piece goods market in the United States. The majority of prominent importing houses have just announced advances of 10 per cent. on habutti and other silk fabrics manufactured in Japan. They give as their reason the fact that many of the operatives and skilled hands in the various factories have left on account of the war.

Stocks in Yokohama and New York are decidedly light. The more important Japanese houses in the trade are endeavoring to establish an agreement to regulate prices.

RUSHING WORK ON RAILWAY.

Contractors Promised Bonus For Early Completion of the Road.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Irkutsk, Siberia, says orders have been issued to have the railway across the ice-covered Lake Baikal completed by February 28th. The contractors have been promised a bonus of $1,500 for each day's earlier completion.

RUSSIA'S BALTIC FLEET.

Proposal to Send It Through Kaiser Wilhelm Canal on Way East.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The Lokal Anzeiger says notification has been received of the proposed passage of the Russian Baltic fleet, consisting of fifteen warships, through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal, on its way to the Far East.

THE JAPS WILL WIN.

Japanese War Correspondent Confident of His Country's Success.

"The Japanese soldiers are sure to win. They are better disciplined than the Russians, and every man is imbued with an intense love of country and the Emperor. He will fight with a definite purpose and intelligence, not like a machine-soldier, devoid of sentiment. I have found a strong resemblance between the average Russian soldier and the Chinese coolie. He fights because he has to; not for the glory of his country or his ruler. The Cossacks, however, are good soldiers and very brave."

This is a comparison elicited by a Times reporter to-day from a Japanese resident who has had ample opportunity to compare the fighting qualities of the two races. Mr. Wakimoto was war correspondent for a Japanese newspaper in the Boxer troubles several years ago. He accompanied the allied forces on their march to the Chinese capital and was present when the gates were blown open and the composite force of invaders entered the city and relieved the legations. He saw a great deal of the Russians and watched their methods very closely.

"Why," he said, an expression of pardonable pride overspreading his countenance, "the Japanese marched better at every stage. In every battle they were the first to strike, and sized up the situation far more quickly than the Czar's soldiers. The latter were brave, it is true, but lacked spirit; they were dead, and they did not have the same discipline."

Mr. Wakimoto also pointed out that it was the Japanese contingent which blew open the gates of Pekin. He awards the palm for first place to a Hindoo soldier, who stole into the city undiscovered and informed the people in the legations that help was at hand.

"The big battlefield, I t[illegible] will be in the Yalu river. There ar[illegible] seventy thousand Russian soldiers in that vicinity, and I expect that our men will make a land attack on Port Arthur. That is where the tug will come."

"Leaving racial bias altogether out of the question, what do you think the outcome of that fight will be from what you know of the soldiery of the two countries?" was asked.

"Ah, there is no doubt about that. The Japanese are certain to win. Man for man, they are much superior to their enemies," replied the Japanese decisively. Mr. Wakimoto then explained that Manchuria must not be considered terra incognita to the Japanese. They were thoroughly familiar with that country. For three or four years Japanese in disguise had been stationed there paying particular attention to the railway. He said they knew exactly where it could be most easily approached and precisely where it was weakest. That it will be cut he had not the slightest doubt. Japan could place half a million men in Manchuria.

As Chemulpo and Fusen, seaports of Korea, promise to occupy considerable attention now that hostilities have commenced, the Times reporter sought some information from Mr. Wakimoto concerning them. Chemulpo, he said, including suburbs, had a population of about eight thousand people. Of these, four thousand five hundred were Japanese, and three or four hundred Americans. It was about eighty miles from Seoul, the capital of Korea, with which it was connected by railroad. Fusan, on the other side of the peninsula and opposite Japan, had about thirty thousand Japanese residents. A railroad was under construction up the peninsula to meet the line from Seoul to Chemulpo. About a third of this road has been completed. The remainder would be pushed forward with all possible dispatch, as it would prove invaluable in the war just begun. Altogether, he said, there were about a hundred thousand Japanese in Korea.

The local Japanese have decided to contribute a certain sum monthly to the war fund. It was at first determined to have a meeting last night, but this was found unnecessary, as every subject of the Mikado in this city is anxious to do something for his country. The reservists have not yet received any intimation from the Japanese consul regarding their recall to duty, although those in San Francisco have gone back. Word, however, is expected any time. A number of the reservists have communicated with the consul at Vancouver. They are all aching to get into the fight.

ON HOLIDAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain Leave For Egypt—Lady Curzon Arrives in London.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 11.—Joseph Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain started for Cairo, Egypt, to-day on a prolonged holiday.

Lady Curzon, of Kedlestone, wife of the Viceroy of India, and their children, arrived in London to-day.

LADY BARRISTERS.

London Spectator Opposed to Women Being Admitted to the Bar.

The London Spectator is against the proposal to admit women to the bar, and says:

"Sooner or later, it would happen that a case would be won by some theatrical exhibition on the part of a woman who had depended for winning her case, not on the strength of her logic but on the attractiveness of her appearance, and the power she possessed of making an appeal difficult to resist. When once such a case had been won, the great object of intending litigants with weak cases would be to obtain the services, not of hard-hearted men, but of beautiful women, to plead their cause. In passing, of course, it may be pointed out that this would be rather hard on the less beautiful of the lady barrister's learned friends, who might even be found to complain that it was no use trying to get on at the bar unless you were at least as beautiful as 'that odous Miss A——, not that I can understand what the juries can see in her,' and so forth.

"Other disadvantages incident to the competition of women with men barristers are more difficult, for instance or, rather, it would be at all events much more disagreeable for an opposing counsel to deal incisively with a woman briefed against him than with a man; it is even conceivable that now and then a judge might feel some compunction in addressing himself sternly to a lady protesting overmuch. There would be a false atmosphere of unnecessary politeness about the whole business. We would be the last in the world to try to close to women avenues to a livelihood proper to their sex; and as far as the law is concerned, we see no particular reason why a capable woman should not make a good solicitor. But she could never make a barrister; her personality would always be more insistent than her arguments."

HOW MANY MEALS A DAY?

Multiplicity as to How Often We Should Eat.

Have you ever taken time to reckon the multiplicity of the theories nowadays with regard to the number of meals that should fill out the day's fare and the hours at which they should be eaten? If you have done this the probability is that you emerged from the study in arithmetic convinced that it makes precious little difference what a man is doing as long as he is possessed of a sufficient amount of faith in the line he is following. For you can easily call to mind half a dozen of your acquaintances who say that their health has improved 100 per cent. since they canceled their breakfasts and took to eating a rather hearty luncheon. And within sound of your voice are as many other persons who declare they never knew what perfect health meant till they cut out the midday meal altogether, allowing a satisfying breakfast and a none too late dinner to cover the amount of food consumed through the day. Then come to your mind the lusty exponents of the theory that five meals a day are none too many to keep the body in fuel, and another set who gloat over the robust condition they have wooed and won through clinging to a regimen that allows but one square meal a day.

And if you feel inclined to take a firm stand for or against any one article of food or drink and are looking for examples to help you to a decision, you get quite as much confused in any attempt to find who has the rights of the case with him. One will tell you he cannot drink coffee because it affects him in such and such a way, while another will tell you that he never could get through his day's work without its gently stimulating influence, and that he knows it benefits him because he always sleeps like a baby after drinking it late at night.

Going through the list of things that men eat and drink you will find the same pros and cons apply, and it becomes fearfully bewildering before you get half through the list. So if you care to search the records of food causes that medical journals have championed, say for the last century, you will find that what was blest in one decade was decried in the next. And then you know you aren't the only one who has been almost swamped by contradictory evidence in the case of the people versus food. When, however, you get where you are convinced that some great occult moral principle underlies these differences, which are, after all, only superficial, and then undertake to study this principle and its ramifications, you are bound to have your first real satisfaction from the problem, though you probably will not be able to get off the fence in your cogitations on this aspect of it.—Boston Transcript.

TIBETAN RULES OF WAR.

The Calcutta correspondent of the London Daily Mail sends the following:

Some amusing extracts from the Tibetan code of rules for warfare are published by the Englishman. The first of them is instructive in the light of recent events.

"Before going to war," says the Tibetan strategist, "the strength of the enemy should be carefully ascertained, and diplomacy is to be exhausted before a campaign is undertaken. Anyone coming with overtures of peace should be well received."

Another rule laid down is: "If a sentry kills a messenger coming to make peace, he shall be sent to his home in disgrace, mounted on some old useless horse with broken harness."

Humanity to the vanquished foe is enjoined by the following directions: "If you be defeated you must give up your arms, and those who give these up must not be killed. Should anyone kill one who has given up his arms, he must be derided and scoffed at as a coward." A general or officer who is taken prisoner should be well treated, "so that in the event of your ever falling into his hands he may also treat you well."

"Regrettable incidents" come within the scope of the final rule: "Should an army be defeated and obliged to fly, nothing should be said to them, but they should not be rewarded or receive any presents, even though the leader be a great man."

The flesh of reindeer may now be bought at any time in the Berlin markets. It is brought frozen from Finland and Lapland.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the estate of John Wilson, late of Eight-Mile Creek, near Ashcroft, B. C., cattleman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said John Wilson, who died or or about the 25th day of January, A.D. 1904, are required on or before the 1st day of June, A.D. 1904, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Denis Murphy at his office, Railway avenue, Ashcroft, B. C., solicitor for Adam Ferguson and Thomas McEwen, the executors of the last will of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And further take notice, that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 9th day of February, A.D. 1904.

DENIS MURPHY,
Railway Avenue, Ashcroft,
Solicitor for the said Executors.

Mortgage Sale

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 28th day of June, 1894, and duly registered at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Charge Book Volume 13, folio 97, No. 16,385B, tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., until noon of the 11th day of March, 1904, for the purchase of the following property, viz: The east 10 acres of section 7 and the east 40 acres of section 8, range V, and the west half of section 8, range VI., Quamichan district, British Columbia, containing 160 acres, excepting thereout that portion, being the southeast corner of section 7, range V., conveyed to one Walter Foord, registered in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Absolute Fees Book, volume 14, folio 93, No. 13,972E.

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Dated 11th February, 1904.

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The property is situated on the southwest corner of Blanchard and View streets, opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

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BROWN—On the 11th inst., at the family residence, Esquimalt road, Sidney Baden Powell, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, aged 4 years.